Use of sealants and buttressing material in pulmonary surgery: an

evidence-based approach. [Review] [65 refs]

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Abstract:

It is imperative to minimize the occurrence and adverse consequences of air leak complicating

pulmonary surgery. This article reviews the contemporary literature and provides recommendations

for intraoperative use of agents to control air leak. An evidence-based analysis of the current

literature does not support routine use, prophylactically or for air leaks present at operation, of

sealants or buttressing material in pulmonary surgery.

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