

Ablation of persistent air leaks after thoracic procedures with fibrin sealant.

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Abstract:

Prolonged air leak after thoracic procedures was successfully treated in 11 of 12 patients under local anesthesia using video thoracoscopic instillation of fibrin sealant over the site of the leak. No related complications occurred. This method should be considered an effective option for the treatment of persistent pulmonary air leaks.