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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Management of Post-Operative Fistulas in Head and Neck Surgery: Sweeping it Under the Carpet? This is a substantial piece of work. It could be improved by clearly articulating the aims and robusting describing the methods. It is not written in the context of a systematic literature review and hence might be viewed as authors own opinions supported by selected references. It would be helpful to present data in tables and make comparisons across the literature such as range of fistula rates, risk factors most common in the various papers, units different approach to management, trends over time. What evidence is there at the fistula rates are increasing and in what groups of patients.



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This is a good comprehensive review of a nasty complication. I appreciated the wisdom and common sense of the Authors in describing numerous preventive and therapeutic options. Minor spelling errors need to be revised.



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This is a review of a collection of various aspects of these complications. However there is no real outline of a working plan and no personal view of your experience or management protocol.