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I would say that the revisions are not particularly well integrated with the previous text; p10, para 2, the solution has not been withdrawn completely, just from general ward areas and theatres. In the same para you cannot make comment on what anesthetists and surgeons are using; only on what they said they would use previously.

This paper should act as a reinforcer to good practice and should emphasise the unambiguous guidance of the NPSA and APAGBNI in their consensus statement from 2007, which is alluded to but not quoted. The fluid type, volume and monitoring requirements are all clearly stated.

The suggestion that there are 'matters for debate' are dangerous.

This paper remains of low impact and not particularly well-written