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Assimilating the guidelines and applying them into practice especially in surgery where avoidance can be fatal, it is an obligation. In our case, the ERAS guideline is a reassemble of principles of thoracic surgery which have been followed for decades by thoracic surgeons and subsequently formulated in a guide in order to unify best practices in the treatment of patients of thoracic surgery.

The above study would indeed be an observation to show how much this guideline has been absorbed by thoracic surgeons in the UK. These results would have feedback for the ESTS to evaluate the effectiveness of the guidelines that has developed and the capacity that this association has had to pass on to its members.

From this study I expect suggestions for further improvement of this guideline as explicitly reflects a particular reality such as thoracic surgery in the UK.

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