

British Consensus Guidelines on Intravenous Fluid Therapy for Adult Surgical Patients

This week we have learnt that Professor Joachim Boldt is under investigation following allegations of research fraud. We remain open minded as to whether these allegations will prove to be true or false and offer no comment on that issue. However since our Guidelines used six of his references as background (among 142 in total) we have scrutinised our text and recommendations, after removing the Boldt references, to see if changes were needed. Our text and recommendations remain exactly as before and one review reference has been added to replace the Boldt references removed. Removal of his references from these Guidelines therefore has had absolutely no impact on our recommendations for patient care.

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