

Image-guided Drainage Using the Trocar Technique

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ABSTRACT

Objective: To investigate the safety profile of image-guided drainage using the trocar technique.

Methods: The medical records of 93 patients undergoing image-guided drainage procedures using the trocar technique at a local regional hospital from September 2004 to December 2006 were reviewed.

Results: There were no incidences of significant neurovascular or adjacent organ damage.

Conclusion: In experienced hands, the trocar technique is safe for image-guided drainage.

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