Sharing experience, hints and tips around irrigation

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The Watford low anterior resection syndrome pathway for pre- and post- stoma reversal patients

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Approximately 8680 patients have an anterior resection each year for bowel cancer, with 6600 having a stoma (National Cancer Strategy, 2018). Advancements in colorectal surgery has seen the use of sphincter-preserving rectal surgery with a low colorectal or colo-anal anastomosis (Berger et al, 2016), involving a temporary ileostomy, which is considered standard practice for most colorectal surgeons in the UK (Powell-Chandler et al, 2018). Following reversal of a stoma there is increasing awareness of the high incidence of bowel dysfunction experienced by patients, defined as low anterior resection syndrome (LARS). Protocols for treatment strategies are somewhat limited until the publication of the ‘Watford LARS pathway’, which outlines strategies in the management of symptoms post stoma reversal and prior to stoma reversal. Well done Deborah Sumner, Senior Nurse Practitioner, West Hertfordshire NHS Trust, in developing a much needed and incredible service/pathway that can only advance patient care in this group of patients.

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