

NELA Risk Calculator Significantly Underestimates Mortality Risk of Laparotomy for Mesenteric and Colonic Ischaemia in Older Adult Surgical Patients [Retraction]

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