

Classic articles Gastric Cancer

Go to the Surgery Subject Guide URL: <http://hms.harvard.libguides.com/surgery> and click on the "Tutorials and Study Guide tab. The main box on this page has my tips on how to find the "classic articles" that Dr. Osteen wants. The bibliographies in the 2 books mentioned have Surgery: Basic science and clinical evidence and Sabiston's Textbook of Surgery are extremely helpful so I would recommend looking at both of these. Sabiston's is online and the Surgery: basic science and clinical evidence is on reserve at Countway (last copy was stolen). Most of the papers referenced should be available in our collection of older journals on L1 and L2 or online. Remember Dr. Osteen wants students not just to cite the papers but to read them. After you have followed these steps, try the other suggestions I listed in the subject guide and the special sources listed below.

I have been reading the new book "The Emperor of Maladies: a biography of cancer" and was delighted to find that the author is listing important surgical milestones in treating cancer. In the section I read last night there is description of the gastrectomies of the German surgeon Billroth in the 1880s. Have you encountered reference to these in the bibliographies you have looked at so far? I find one listed in our pdf of "surgical milestones" but it looks like it is in German. Any chance you read German? A book by Billroth "Clinical Surgery: Extracts from Reports" has been translated (hurray!) and digitized and can be found at <http://www.archive.org/details/clinicalsurgery00bill>

An article by Wangensteen is also on that list and a book by Wangensteen, The Rise of Surgery, is referenced. This book is currently checked out (I hope by you). There is also reference to a Lancet article 136 no. 3504 1890: 864 but it is about using escharotics to chemically destroy tumors.

The Cambridge Illustrated History of surgery mentions Anton Wolfler and Johannes van Mikulicz, and Carl Schlatter (p.97-99) and others as pioneers in gastric surgery. It says that Schlatter's first successful removal of the stomach was reported in the Lancet in 1898. I found this reference Carl Schlatter FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON A CASE OF TOTAL EXTIRPATION OF THE STOMACH IN THE HUMAN SUBJECT. Original Research Article. The Lancet, Volume 152, Issue 3925, 19 November 1898, Pages 1314-1318 is available online with a pdf. (also in RefWorks folder)

I collected 24 of the most cited articles on surgery for gastric cancer from the Web of Science (as of 12/14) They are in a RefWorks folder that you can access at this URL:
<http://www.refworks.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/refshare2?site=035721136350800000/RWWS1AA162402/GastricCancerCitedSurgLibGuide>

There are also citations for some (but not all) of the books and articles mentioned above. You can use RefWorks to create the bibliography for your presentation so this may save you some time.