

Clarifying the position of sealant use to prevent air leak following lung surgery across Europe

Problem



Across Europe there was a mix of attitudes of thoracic surgeons about the rationale and use of sealants to prevent intraoperative air leaks following lung surgery

Current behaviour



Variation in practice led to increased patient morbidity, variable surgical outcomes and avoidable costs

Expert opinion (Thoracic surgeons)



A more consistent approach would improve outcomes



Consensus achieved



285 responses

8 recommendations



“There is a **clear role** for sealants in the management of air leaks and certain surgical procedures **demand their use**”

Implementation plan

