

**Critical Review:**

therefore these reviews of the literature must be interpreted with caution.

Brooks (2001) conducted an informational review of the literature on postoperative nosocomial pneumonia. The review asked a clearly focused question regarding risk factors for



clear purpose to address this specific clinical question. As a result, it is necessary to recognize that the current review creates extensions from the current evidence in consideration of the current question.

Given the nature of this sample of evidence and the variability of the data, it is difficult to draw a unifying view of the current evidence available and predict who

undergoing surgery in Maryland, 1999-2000.  
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