Wound infections may cause life-threatening bleeding by eroding an anastomosis. An infected surgical wound overlying a vascular reconstruction should not be debrided in the emergency department. A patient with an aortic graft admitted for gastrointestinal bleeding should be treated as having an aortoduodenal fistula. Vascular graft infection should be suspected in a patient with unspecific symptoms and a previously implanted aortic graft. Leg ischemia following thrombotic occlusion of a previous vascular reconstruction requires careful consideration before a decision to operate, unless the ext...