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## **Personal Reflection:**

The AAA paper gives good evidence for review of surveillance processes within out department. Many patients attend surveillance in the knowledge that they are not surgical candidates be that through personal choice or through medical assessment. This has a significant impact on the capacity of the department. Also, as patients age and become more frail, opting out of surveillance isn't something that they are aware of. Travelling to and from hospital for investigations with no impact on their care is often difficult for the patient and relatives and is likely unnecessary in a select group.

We are currently in the process of making significant adjustments to our local program and this paper agrees with a lot of what we are trying to achieve, which is encouraging for us. Careful assessment of the patients medial status is essential and may result in an increase in OP consults but overall these conversations will be beneficial for patients entering onto surveillance and those already on a surveillance pathway.