Ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms risk scores, based on four variables, allows accurate prediction of 30-day mortality after repair, according to a study published in October’s Journal of Vascular Surgery. The risk factors, which authors say can be readily assessed in the emergency room, include age of 76-plus; confidence interval of 1.47-4.97; P=.011; creatinine concentration of more than 2.0 mg/dl; and systolic blood pressure ever less than 70 mm Hg.

Researchers wanted to develop a preoperative risk score to predict mortality after repair of a ruptured AAA. The article is open source through Oct. 31 at vsweb.org/JVS-RiskScore.

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