Question 28 – February 11

Which of following is an absolute contraindication to surgical resection of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma?

A. Periaortic nodal involvement  
B. Superior mesenteric vein involvement  
C. Portal vein involvement  
D. Splenic artery involvement  
E. Extension into peripancreatic tissue

Answer: A

Absolute contraindications include invasion of the superior mesenteric artery, celiac artery, peritoneal implants, or hepatic metastases. The other contraindications listed are relative contraindications.