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- **Review**: Endovascular treatment and carotid endarterectomy do not differ for carotid stenosis
  

- **Review**: Low-dose dopamine does not reduce mortality or need for renal replacement therapy
  

- **Review**: 7-day proton-pump inhibitor-based triple therapy is as effective as > 7 days of the same regimen for healing *Helicobacter pylori*-associated peptic ulcer
  

- **Review**: Early supported discharge reduces death or dependence after stroke
  

- **Review**: Mixed signals from trials concerning pharmacological prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus
  

- **Review**: Good evidence supports polyethylene glycol and tegaserod for constipation
  

- **Cardiac resynchronization reduced death and hospitalization in heart failure and cardiac dyssynchrony**
  

- **Protein energy supplementation of normal hospital diet did not improve outcomes after recent stroke**
  

- **Timing and route of enteral tube feeding did not reduce death or poor outcome in stroke and dysphagia**
  

- **Atorvastatin at 80 mg/d reduced major cardiovascular events more than atorvastatin at 10 mg/d in stable coronary heart disease**
  

- **Intensive insulin-glucose infusion regimens with long-term or standard glucose control did not differ for reducing mortality in type 2 diabetes mellitus and MI**
  

- **Streptokinase did not reduce mortality or need for surgical drainage in pleural infection**
  

- **Recombinant activated factor VII given within 4 hours of intracerebral hemorrhage reduced hematoma growth**
  

- **Alendronate reduced clinical and radiographic vertebral fractures in postmenopausal women with osteopenia**
  

- **Amlodipine or lisinopril was not better than chlorthalidone in reducing renal outcomes in hypertension and impaired renal function**
  

- **Folate plus vitamin B₁₂ reduced hip fractures in patients with poststroke hemiplegia**
  

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