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Discharge planning and home follow-up by advanced practice nurses reduced readmissions of elderly patients

Naylor MD, Brooten D, Campbell R, et al. Comprehensive discharge planning and home follow-up of hospitalized elders. A randomized clinical trial. *JAMA*. 1999 Feb 17;281:613-20.

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Rivastigmine was effective and safe in Alzheimer disease

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Abstinence by alcohol misusers for 1 month before surgery reduced complications in the month after surgery

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Calcium supplements reduced recurrence of colorectal adenomas

Baron JA, Beach M, Mandel JS, et al., for the Calcium Polyp Prevention Study Group. Calcium supplements for the prevention of colorectal adenomas. *N Engl J Med*. 1999 Jan 14;340:101-7.

Abciximab and heparin given during coronary interventions reduced combined death, MI, and urgent revascularization

Lincoff AM, Tchong JE, Califf RM, et al., for the EPILOG Investigators. Sustained suppression of ischemic complications of coronary intervention by platelet GP IIb/IIIa blockade with abciximab. One-year outcome in the EPILOG trial. *Circulation*. 1999 Apr 20;99:1951-8.

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Dinnes J, Kleijnen J, Leitner M, Thompson D. Cardiac rehabilitation. *Health Care*. 1999 Mar;8:65-71.

Review: Tibolone is as effective as estrogens for postmenopausal symptoms and bone mineral density

Moore RA. Livial: a review of clinical studies. *Br J Obstet Gynaecol*. 1999 Mar 19;106(Suppl):1-21.

Vaccination prevented secondary hepatitis A virus infection in household contacts

Sagliocca L, Amoroso P, Stroffolini T, et al. Efficacy of hepatitis A vaccine in prevention of secondary hepatitis A infection: a randomised trial. *Lancet*. 1999 Apr 3;353:1136-9.

Diagnosis

Using right and left precordial leads increased the sensitivity of exercise testing for detecting coronary artery disease

Michaelides AP, Psomadaki ZD, Dilaveris PE, et al. Improved detection of coronary artery disease by exercise electrocardiography with the use of right precordial leads. *N Engl J Med*. 1999 Feb 4;340:340-5.

Creatine kinase-MB subform levels were useful for early exclusion of MI

Zimmerman J, Fromm R, Meyer D, et al. Diagnostic marker cooperative study for the diagnosis of myocardial infarction. *Circulation*. 1999 Apr 6;99:1671-7.

Prognosis

Swallowing problems after stroke were common and associated with continued swallowing problems, chest infection, and aspiration

Mann G, Hankey GJ, Cameron D. Swallowing function after stroke. Prognosis and prognostic factors at 6 months. *Stroke*. 1999 Apr;30:744-8.

Etiology

Gastroesophageal reflux symptoms were associated with increased risk for adenocarcinomas of the esophagus and gastric cardia

Lagergren J, Bergström R, Lindgren A, Nyrén O. Symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux as a risk factor for esophageal adenocarcinoma. *N Engl J Med*. 1999 Mar 18;340:825-31.

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