

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES ABSTRACTED IN ACP JOURNAL CLUB

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Therapeutics

Low-molecular-weight heparin prevented new cardiac events in unstable angina

Fragmin during Instability in Coronary Artery Disease (FRISC) Study Group. Low-molecular-weight heparin during instability in coronary artery disease. *Lancet*. 1996 Mar 2;347:561-8.

Enoxaparin prevented more DVT than did warfarin after knee arthroplasty

Leclerc JR, Geerts WH, Desjardins L, et al. Prevention of venous thromboembolism after knee arthroplasty. A randomized, double-blind trial comparing enoxaparin with warfarin. *Ann Intern Med*. 1996 Apr 1;124:619-26.

Enteral feeding by endoscopic gastrostomy reduced 6-week mortality after dysphagic stroke

Norton B, Homer-Ward M, Donnelly MT, Long RG, Holmes GK. A randomised prospective comparison of percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy and nasogastric tube feeding after acute dysphagic stroke. *BMJ*. 1996 Jan 6; 312:13-6.

Laser angioplasty added no benefit to balloon angioplasty in coronary artery disease

Appelman YE, Piek JJ, Strikwerda S, et al. Randomised trial of excimer laser angioplasty versus balloon angioplasty for treatment of obstructive coronary artery disease. *Lancet*. 1996 Jan 13;347:79-84.

Meta-analysis: Low-dose sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim is an effective regimen for *P. carinii* prophylaxis in HIV infection

Ioannidis JP, Cappelleri JC, Skolnik PR, Lau J, Sacks HS. A meta-analysis of the relative efficacy and toxicity of *Pneumocystis carinii* prophylactic regimens. *Arch Intern Med*. 1996 Jan 22;156:177-88.

Vitamin E was associated with a decreased risk for angina pectoris

Rapola JM, Virtamo J, Haukka JK, et al. Effect of vitamin E and beta carotene on the incidence of angina pectoris. A randomized, double-blind, controlled trial. *JAMA*. 1996 Mar 6;275:693-8.

Vitamin E reduced the risk for cardiovascular events in coronary atherosclerosis

Stephens NG, Parsons A, Schofield PM, et al. Randomised controlled trial of vitamin E in patients with coronary disease: Cambridge Heart Antioxidant Study (CHAOS). *Lancet*. 1996 Mar 23;347:781-6.

Vitamin D supplementation did not reduce fractures in the elderly

Lips P, Graafmans WC, Ooms ME, Bezemer PD, Bouter LM. Vitamin D supplementation and fracture incidence in elderly persons. A randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial. *Ann Intern Med*. 1996 Feb 15;124:400-6.

Horse-chestnut seed extract reduced edema in chronic venous insufficiency

Diehm C, Trampisch HJ, Lange S, Schmidt C. Comparison of leg compression stocking and oral horse-chestnut seed extract therapy in patients with chronic venous insufficiency. *Lancet*. 1996 Feb 3;347:292-4.

Etiology

Review: Insufficient information exists about the overall health risk associated with silicone gel breast implants

Silverman BG, Brown SL, Bright RA, et al. Reported complications of silicone gel breast implants: an epidemiologic review. *Ann Intern Med*. 1996 Apr 15;124:744-56.

High dietary intake of flavonoids was associated with decreased mortality

Knekt P, Järvinen R, Reunanen A, Maatela J. Flavonoid intake and coronary mortality in Finland: a cohort study. *BMJ*. 1996 Feb 24;312:478-81.

Increased fiber intake in men was associated with reduced MI
Rimm EB, Ascherio A, Giovannucci E, et al. Vegetable, fruit, and cereal fiber intake and risk of coronary heart disease among men. *JAMA*. 1996 Feb 14;275:447-51.

Breastfeeding was not protective against breast cancer
Michels KB, Willett WC, Rosner BA, et al. Prospective assessment of breastfeeding and breast cancer incidence among 89 887 women. *Lancet*. 1996 Feb 17;347:431-6.

Quality Improvement

Letter from a licensing body and group education reduced prescribing of regulated analgesics

Anderson JF, McEwan KL, Hrudehy WP. Effectiveness of notification and group education in modifying prescribing of regulated analgesics. *Can Med Assoc J*. 1996 Jan 1;154:31-9.