

Other articles noted

The purpose and procedure section in each issue of *Evidence-Based Medicine* describes the criteria for selecting articles for inclusion. The journals read are also listed in each issue. All articles that meet our criteria in the reviewed journals are cited in *Evidence-Based Medicine*, but there is not enough space to abstract them all. The following articles passed all criteria but were not abstracted. Practising clinicians rated them for clinical relevance and newsworthiness, and the mean scores are displayed. A sample rating form is available at <http://hiru.mcmaster.ca/more/RatingFormSample.htm>

THERAPEUTICS

Mattick RP, Kimber J, Breen C, *et al.* Buprenorphine maintenance versus placebo or methadone maintenance for opioid dependence. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;(3):CD002207.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Mental health ★★★★★☆ Psychiatry ★★★★★☆

Tsai HH, Chapman R, Shepherd A, *et al.* Esomeprazole 20 mg on-demand is more acceptable to patients than continuous lansoprazole 15 mg in the long-term maintenance of endoscopy-negative gastro-oesophageal reflux patients: the COMMAND Study. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2004;20:657–65.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Gastroenterology ★★★★★☆

Boureau F, Schneid H, Zeghari N, *et al.* The IPSO study: ibuprofen, paracetamol study in osteoarthritis. A randomised comparative clinical study comparing the efficacy and safety of ibuprofen and paracetamol analgesic treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee or hip. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2004;63:1028–34.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Mejhert M, Kahan T, Persson H, *et al.* Limited long term effects of a management programme for heart failure. *Heart* 2004;90:1010–5.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Wilt TJ, Bloomfield HE, MacDonald R, *et al.* Effectiveness of statin therapy in adults with coronary heart disease. *Arch Intern Med* 2004;164:1427–36.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Radtke A, von Brevern M, Tiel-Wilck K, *et al.* Self-treatment of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo: Semont maneuver vs Epley procedure. *Neurology* 2004;63:150–2.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Neurology ★★★★★☆

Castro-Rodriguez JA, Rodrigo GJ. Beta-agonists through metered-dose inhaler with valved holding chamber versus nebulizer for acute exacerbation of wheezing or asthma in children under 5 years of age: a systematic review with meta-analysis. *J Pediatr* 2004;145:172–7.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Immunology ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆
Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Killen JD, Robinson TN, Ammerman S, *et al.* Randomized clinical trial of the efficacy of bupropion combined with nicotine patch in the treatment of adolescent smokers. *J Consult Clin Psychol* 2004;72:729–35.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Pirotta M, Gunn J, Chondros P, *et al.* Effect of lactobacillus in preventing post-antibiotic vulvovaginal candidiasis: a randomised controlled trial. *BMJ* 2004;329:548.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Infectious diseases ★★★★★☆

Vain NE, Szyld EG, Prudent LM, *et al.* Oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal suctioning of meconium-stained neonates before delivery of their shoulders: multicentre, randomised controlled trial. *Lancet* 2004;364:597–602.

GP/FP/Obstetrics ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Neuner F, Schauer M, Klaschik C, *et al.* A comparison of narrative exposure therapy, supportive counseling, and psychoeducation for treating posttraumatic stress disorder in an African refugee settlement. *J Consult Clin Psychol* 2004;72:579–87.

Clinical impact ratings Mental health ★★★★★☆
Psychiatry ★★★★★☆

Spurling G, Mar C, Dooley L, *et al.* Delayed antibiotics for symptoms and complications of respiratory infections. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;(2):CD004417.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆
Respirology ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆

Bjornson CL, Klassen TP, Williamson J, *et al.* A randomized trial of a single dose of oral dexamethasone for mild croup. *N Engl J Med* 2004;351:1306–13.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Del Mar CB, Glasziou PP, Spinks AB. Antibiotics for sore throat. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;(2):CD000023.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆

Silagy C, Lancaster T, Stead L, *et al.* Nicotine replacement therapy for smoking cessation. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;(3):CD000146.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Respirology ★★★★★☆

Lin J, Zhang W, Jones A, *et al.* Efficacy of topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in the treatment of osteoarthritis: meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. *BMJ* 2004;329:324.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Ofman JJ, Badamgarav E, Henning JM, *et al.* Does disease management improve clinical and economic outcomes in patients with chronic diseases? A systematic review. *Am J Med* 2004;**117**:182–92.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆

Pincus T, Koch G, Lei H, *et al.* Patient preference for Placebo, Acetaminophen (paracetamol) or Celecoxib Efficacy Studies (PACES): two randomised, double blind, placebo controlled, crossover clinical trials in patients with knee or hip osteoarthritis. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2004;**63**:931–9.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Deedwania PC, Gottlieb S, Ghali JK, *et al.* Efficacy, safety and tolerability of beta-adrenergic blockade with metoprolol CR/XL in elderly patients with heart failure. *Eur Heart J* 2004;**25**:1300–9.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆
Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Simon GE, Ludman EJ, Tutty S, *et al.* Telephone psychotherapy and telephone care management for primary care patients starting antidepressant treatment: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:935–42.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Mental health ★★★★★☆
Psychiatry ★★★★★☆

Dietrich AJ, Oxman TE, Williams JW Jr, *et al.* Re-engineering systems for the treatment of depression in primary care: cluster randomised controlled trial. *BMJ* 2004;**329**:602.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Mental health ★★★★★☆

Bastien CH, Morin CM, Ouellet MC, *et al.* Cognitive-behavioral therapy for insomnia: comparison of individual therapy, group therapy, and telephone consultations. *J Consult Clin Psychol* 2004;**72**:653–9.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Mental health ★★★★★☆

Laine L, Maller ES, Yu C, *et al.* Ulcer formation with low-dose enteric-coated aspirin and the effect of COX-2 selective inhibition: a double-blind trial. *Gastroenterology* 2004;**127**:395–402.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Gastroenterology ★★★★★☆

Ghofrani HA, Reichenberger F, Kohstall MG, *et al.* Sildenafil increased exercise capacity during hypoxia at low altitudes and at Mount Everest base camp: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover trial. *Ann Intern Med* 2004;**141**:169–77.

Clinical impact ratings Respiriology ★★★★★☆

Pampallona S, Bollini P, Tibaldi G, *et al.* Combined pharmacotherapy and psychological treatment for depression: a systematic review. *Arch Gen Psychiatry* 2004;**61**:714–9.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆
Mental health ★★★★★☆
Psychiatry ★★★★★☆

Maciejewski ML, Reiber GE, Smith DG, *et al.* Effectiveness of diabetic therapeutic footwear in preventing reulceration. *Diabetes Care* 2004;**27**:1774–82.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆
Endocrine ★★★★★☆
Physical medicine and rehabilitation ★★★★★☆

Cox LS, Patten CA, Niaura RS, *et al.* Efficacy of bupropion for relapse prevention in smokers with and without a

past history of major depression. *J Gen Intern Med* 2004;**19**:828–34.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆
Respirology ★★★★★☆

Zhang W, Jones A, Doherty M. Does paracetamol (acetaminophen) reduce the pain of osteoarthritis? A meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2004;**63**:901–7.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Takeda Y, Fukutomi T, Suzuki S, *et al.* Effects of carvedilol on plasma B-type natriuretic peptide concentration and symptoms in patients with heart failure and preserved ejection fraction. *Am J Cardiol* 2004;**94**:448–53.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Internal medicine ★★★★★☆
Cardiology ★★★★★☆

DIAGNOSIS

Pecile P, Miorin E, Romanello C, *et al.* Procalcitonin: a marker of severity of acute pyelonephritis among children. *Pediatrics* 2004;**114**:e249–54.

Clinical impact ratings Paediatrics ★★★★★☆
Nephrology ★★★★★☆

Rietveld RP, ter Riet G, Bindels PJ, *et al.* Predicting bacterial cause in infectious conjunctivitis: cohort study on informativeness of combinations of signs and symptoms. *BMJ* 2004;**329**:206–10.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆

Josephson SA, Bryant SO, Mak HK, *et al.* Evaluation of carotid stenosis using CT angiography in the initial evaluation of stroke and TIA. *Neurology* 2004;**63**:457–60.

Clinical impact ratings Internal medicine ★★★★★☆
Neurology ★★★★★☆

Jones AE, Tayal VS, Sullivan DM, *et al.* Randomized, controlled trial of immediate versus delayed goal-directed ultrasound to identify the cause of nontraumatic hypotension in emergency department patients. *Crit Care Med* 2004;**32**:1703–8.

Clinical impact ratings Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆
Intensivist/Critical Care ★★★★★☆
Emergency medicine (Specialist) ★★★★★☆

PROGNOSIS

Joensuu H, Lehtimäki T, Holli K, *et al.* Risk for distant recurrence of breast cancer detected by mammography screening or other methods. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:1064–73.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Oncology ★★★★★☆

AETIOLOGY

Stookey JD, Purser JL, Pieper CF, *et al.* Plasma hypertonicity: another marker of frailty? *J Am Geriatr Soc* 2004;**52**:1313–20.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆
Internal medicine ★★★★★☆
Geriatrics ★★★★★☆

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Gray R, Wykes T, Edmonds M, *et al.* Effect of a medication management training package for nurses on clinical outcomes for patients with schizophrenia: cluster randomised controlled trial. *Br J Psychiatry* 2004;**185**:157–62.

Clinical impact ratings GP/FP/Mental health ★★★★★☆
Psychiatry ★★★★★☆