

# 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. 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 of the rating form is available on the web (<http://hiru.mcmaster.ca/more/RatingFormSample.htm>).

## THERAPEUTICS

Tugwell PS, Wells GA, Shainhouse JZ. Equivalence study of a topical diclofenac solution (Pennsaid) compared with oral diclofenac in symptomatic treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee: a randomized controlled trial. *J Rheumatol* 2004;**31**:2002–12.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★★

Juni P, Nartey L, Reichenbach S, *et al.* Risk of cardiovascular events and rofecoxib: cumulative meta-analysis. *Lancet* 2004;**364**:2021–9.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★★

Bjrdal JM, Ljunggren AE, Klovning A, *et al.* Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, including cyclo-oxygenase-2 inhibitors, in osteoarthritic knee pain: meta-analysis of randomised placebo controlled trials. *BMJ* 2004;**329**:1317.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★★

Szeimies RM, Gerritsen MJ, Gupta G, *et al.* Imiquimod 5% cream for the treatment of actinic keratosis: results from a phase III, randomized, double-blind, vehicle-controlled, clinical trial with histology. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2004;**51**:547–55.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Dermatology ★★★★★★

Hornberger J, Grimes K, Naumann M, *et al.* Recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of primary focal hyperhidrosis. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2004;**51**:274–86.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Dermatology ★★★★★☆

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.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Salinas R, Alvarez G, Ferreira J. Corticosteroids for Bell's palsy (idiopathic facial paralysis). *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;**4**:CD001942.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆

Dorey G, Speakman M, Feneley R, *et al.* Randomised controlled trial of pelvic floor muscle exercises and manometric biofeedback for erectile dysfunction. *Br J Gen Pract* 2004;**54**:819–25.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆

Harper DM, Franco EL, Wheeler C, *et al.* Efficacy of a bivalent LI virus-like particle vaccine in prevention of infection with human papillomavirus types 16 and 18 in young women: a randomised controlled trial. *Lancet* 2004;**364**:1757–65.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Allergy and immunology ★★★★★★ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Gynaecology ★★★★★☆

Hand C, Harvey I. The effectiveness of topical preparations for the treatment of earwax: a systematic review. *Br J Gen Pract* 2004;**54**:862–7.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★★

Alexander RB, Propert KJ, Schaeffer AJ, *et al.* Ciprofloxacin or tamsulosin in men with chronic prostatitis/chronic pelvic pain syndrome: a randomized, double-blind trial. *Ann Intern Med* 2004;**141**:581–9.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Surgery ★★★★★☆

Prinssen M, Verhoeven EL, Buth J, *et al.* A randomized trial comparing conventional and endovascular repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms. *N Engl J Med* 2004;**351**:1607–18.

Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆ Surgery ★★★★★★

Pediatric OCD Treatment Study (POTS) Team. Cognitive-behavior therapy, sertraline, and their combination for children and adolescents with obsessive-compulsive disorder: the Pediatric OCD Treatment Study (POTS) randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:1969–76.

Mental health ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆ Psychiatry ★★★★★☆

Berghella V, Odibo AO, Tolosa JE. Cerclage for prevention of preterm birth in women with a short cervix found on transvaginal ultrasound examination: a randomized trial. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 2004;**191**:1311–7.

Obstetrics ★★★★★☆

Krunic AL, Wang LC, Soltani K, *et al.* Digital anesthesia with epinephrine: an old myth revisited. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2004;**51**:755–9.

Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆ Surgery ★★★★★☆ Dermatology ★★★★★★

Lebwohl M, Freeman AK, Chapman MS, *et al.* Tacrolimus ointment is effective for facial and intertriginous psoriasis. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2004;**51**:723–30.

Dermatology ★★★★★☆

Bridevaux IP, Bradley KA, Bryson CL, *et al.* Alcohol screening results in elderly male veterans: association with health status and mortality. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 2004;**52**:1510–7.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Geriatrics ★★★★★☆

Ettinger B, Ensrud KE, Wallace R, *et al.* Effects of ultralow-dose transdermal estradiol on bone mineral density: a randomized clinical trial. *Obstet Gynecol* 2004;**104**:443–51.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Cushman M, Kuller LH, Prentice R, *et al.* Estrogen plus progestin and risk of venous thrombosis. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:1573–80.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆ Haematology ★★★★★☆ Gynaecology ★★★★★☆

MacLennan A, Broadbent J, Lester S, *et al.* Oral oestrogen and combined oestrogen/progestogen therapy versus placebo for hot flushes. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;**4**:CD002978.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆ Gynaecology ★★★★★☆

Atkinson W, Sheldon TA, Shaath N, *et al.* Food elimination based on IgG antibodies in irritable bowel syndrome: a randomised controlled trial. *Gut* 2004;**53**:1459–64.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Allergy and Immunology ★★★★★☆ Gastroenterology ★★★★★☆ Immunology ★★★★★☆

de Zeeuw D, Remuzzi G, Parving HH, *et al.* Albuminuria, a therapeutic target for cardiovascular protection in type 2 diabetic patients with nephropathy. *Circulation* 2004;**110**:921–7.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal Medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆ Nephrology ★★★★★☆

Nissen SE, Tuzcu EM, Libby P, *et al.* Effect of antihypertensive agents on cardiovascular events in patients with coronary disease and normal blood pressure: the CAMELOT study: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:2217–25.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Rothman RL, DeWalt DA, Malone R, *et al.* Influence of patient literacy on the effectiveness of a primary care-based diabetes disease management program. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:1711–6.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆

Due A, Toubro S, Skov AR, *et al.* Effect of normal-fat diets, either medium or high in protein, on body weight in overweight subjects: a randomised 1-year trial. *Int J Obes Relat Metab Disord* 2004;**28**:1283–90.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆

Briel M, Studer M, Glass TR, *et al.* Effects of statins on stroke prevention in patients with and without coronary heart disease: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. *Am J Med* 2004;**117**:596–606.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆

Spurling G, Mar C, Dooley L, *et al.* Delayed antibiotics for symptoms and complications of respiratory infections. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;**4**:CD004417.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆ Emergency medicine (Specialists) ★★★★★☆

Silverman RA, Nowak RM, Korenblat PE, *et al.* Zafirlukast treatment for acute asthma: evaluation in a randomized, double-blind, multicenter trial. *Chest* 2004;**126**:1480–9.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆ Allergy and Immunology ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆

Vas J, Mendez C, Perea-Milla E, *et al.* Acupuncture as a complementary therapy to the pharmacological treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee: randomised controlled trial. *BMJ* 2004;**329**:1216.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Peat JK, Mirhshahi S, Kemp AS, *et al.* Three-year outcomes of dietary fatty acid modification and house dust mite reduction in the Childhood Asthma Prevention Study. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2004;**114**:807–13.

Allergy and Immunology ★★★★★☆ Immunology ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Alonso PL, Sacarlal J, Aponte JJ, *et al.* Efficacy of the RTS,S/AS02A vaccine against *Plasmodium falciparum* infection and disease in young African children: randomised controlled trial. *Lancet* 2004;**364**:1411–20.

Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Tropical medicine ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Lim J, Lasserson T, Fleetham J, *et al.* Oral appliances for obstructive sleep apnoea. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;**4**:CD004435.

Respirology ★★★★★☆

Kato K, Mizuno S, Umesaki Y, *et al.* Randomized placebo-controlled trial assessing the effect of bifidobacteria-fermented milk on active ulcerative colitis. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2004;**20**:1133–41.

Gastroenterology ★★★★★☆

Lee H, Ernst E. Acupuncture for labor pain management: A systematic review. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 2004;**191**:1573–9.

Anaesthesia ★★★★★☆ GP/FP/Obstetrics ★★★★★☆ Obstetrics ★★★★★☆

de Lemos JA, Blazing MA, Wiviott SD, *et al.* Early intensive vs a delayed conservative simvastatin strategy in patients with acute coronary syndromes: phase Z of the A to Z trial. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:1307–16.

Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Lisa R, Matthew JT, Keith H. Strategies for managing sexual dysfunction induced by antidepressant medication. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;**4**:CD003382.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Mental health ★★★★★☆

Bakris GL, Fonseca V, Katholi RE, *et al.* Metabolic effects of carvedilol vs metoprolol in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and hypertension: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2004;**292**:2227–36.

IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆

## AETIOLOGY

Giltay EJ, Geleijnse JM, Zitman FG, *et al.* Dispositional optimism and all-cause and cardiovascular mortality in a prospective cohort of elderly Dutch men and women. *Arch Gen Psychiatry* 2004;**61**:1126–35.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Mental health ★★★★★☆ Geriatrics ★★★★★☆

## ECONOMICS

Vickers AJ, Rees RW, Zollman CE, *et al.* Acupuncture of chronic headache disorders in primary care: randomised controlled trial and economic analysis. *Health Technol Assess* 2004;**48**:1–35.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆