

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.

THERAPEUTICS

Jahn H, Schick M, Kiefer F, *et al.* Metyrapone as additive treatment in major depression: a double-blind and placebo-controlled trial. *Arch Gen Psychiatry* 2004;**61**:1235–44.

IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★★ Mental health
★★★★★☆ Psychiatry ★★★★★☆

Koelling TM, Johnson ML, Cody RJ, *et al.* Discharge education improves clinical outcomes in patients with chronic heart failure. *Circulation* 2005;**111**:179–85.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine
★★★★★☆☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Galbreath AD, Krasuski RA, Smith B, *et al.* Long-term healthcare and cost outcomes of disease management in a large, randomized, community-based population with heart failure. *Circulation* 2004;**110**:3518–26.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine
★★★★★☆☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Le Saux N, Gaboury I, Baird M, *et al.* A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled noninferiority trial of amoxicillin for clinically diagnosed acute otitis media in children 6 months to 5 years of age. *CMAJ* 2005;**172**:335–41.

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

Lous J, Burton M, Felding J, *et al.* Grommets (ventilation tubes) for hearing loss associated with otitis media with effusion in children. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005;(1):CD001801.

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

Craig WR, Hanlon-Dearman A, Sinclair C, *et al.* Metoclopramide, thickened feedings, and positioning for gastro-oesophageal reflux in children under two years. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2004;(4):CD003502.

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

Hall SM, Humfleet GL, Reus VI, *et al.* Extended nortriptyline and psychological treatment for cigarette smoking. *Am J Psychiatry* 2004;**161**:2100–7.

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

Mueller C, Laule-Kilian K, Scholer A, *et al.* Use of B-type natriuretic peptide for the management of women with dyspnea. *Am J Cardiol* 2004;**94**:1510–4.

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

Shuster S, Meynadier J, Kerl H, *et al.* Treatment and prophylaxis of seborrheic dermatitis of the scalp with antipityrosporal 1% ciclopirox shampoo. *Arch Dermatol* 2005;**141**:47–52.

Dermatology ★★★★★☆

Santos JB, de Jesus AR, Machado PR, *et al.* Antimony plus recombinant human granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor applied topically in low doses enhances healing of cutaneous Leishmaniasis ulcers: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *J Infect Dis* 2004;**190**:1793–6.

Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Tropical & travel medicine
★★★★★☆☆ Dermatology ★★★★★☆

Kenyon S, Boulvain M, Neilson J. Antibiotics for preterm rupture of the membranes: a systematic review. *Obstet Gynecol* 2004;**104**:1051–7.

Obstetrics ★★★★★☆ Infectious disease ★★★★★☆

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 ★★★★★☆

Green C, Colquitt JL, Kirby J, *et al.* Clinical and cost-effectiveness of once-daily versus more frequent use of same potency topical corticosteroids for atopic eczema: a systematic review and economic evaluation. *Health Technol Assess* 2004;**8**:1–120.

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

Holland R, Lenaghan E, Harvey I, *et al.* Does home based medication review keep older people out of hospital The HOMER randomised controlled trial. *BMJ* 2005;**330**:293.

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

Shen WK, Decker WW, Smars PA, *et al.* Syncope Evaluation in the Emergency Department Study (SEEDS): a multidisciplinary approach to syncope management. *Circulation* 2004;**110**:3636–45.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Emergency medicine
★★★★★☆☆ Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology
★★★★★☆☆ Neurology ★★★★★☆

Man WD, Polkey MI, Donaldson N, *et al.* Community pulmonary rehabilitation after hospitalisation for acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: randomised controlled study. *BMJ* 2004;**329**:1209.

GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine
★★★★★☆☆ Respirology ★★★★★☆

Willemsse GR, Smit F, Cuijpers P, *et al.* Minimal-contact psychotherapy for sub-threshold depression in primary care. Randomised trial. *Br J Psychiatry* 2004;**185**:416–21.

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

Schernhammer ES, Colditz GA. Suicide rates among physicians: a quantitative and gender assessment (meta-analysis). *Am J Psychiatry* 2004;**161**:2295–302.

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

Williams N, Ogden J. The impact of matching the patient's vocabulary: a randomized control trial. *Fam Pract* 2004;**21**:630–5. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆

Prochazka AV, Kick S, Steinbrunn C, *et al.* A randomized trial of nortriptyline combined with transdermal nicotine for smoking cessation. *Arch Intern Med* 2004;**164**:2229–33. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆

Perez-Gomez F, Alegria E, Berjon J, *et al.* Comparative effects of antiplatelet, anticoagulant, or combined therapy in patients with valvular and nonvalvular atrial fibrillation: a randomized multicenter study. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2004;**44**:1557–66. IM/Ambulatory care ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Lee H, Ernst E. Acupuncture for labor pain management: a systematic review. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 2004;**191**:1573–9. GP/FP/Anaesthesia ★★★★★☆ GP/FP/Obstetrics ★★★★★☆ Obstetrics ★★★★★☆

Rao S, Bhatt J, Houghton C, *et al.* An improved urine collection pad method: a randomised clinical trial. *Arch Dis Child* 2004;**89**:773–5. Infectious disease ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Grant AM, Scott NW, O'Dwyer PJ, *et al.* Five-year follow-up of a randomized trial to assess pain and numbness after laparoscopic or open repair of groin hernia. *Br J Surg* 2004;**91**:1570–4. Surgery ★★★★★☆

Ogilvie D, Egan M, Hamilton V, *et al.* Promoting walking and cycling as an alternative to using cars: systematic review. *BMJ* 2004;**329**:763. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆

DIAGNOSIS

Iannaccone R, Laghi A, Catalano C, *et al.* Computed tomographic colonography without cathartic preparation for the detection of colorectal polyps. *Gastroenterology* 2004;**127**:1300–11. Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Gastroenterology ★★★★★☆ Oncology ★★★★★☆

in't Hof KH, van Lankeren W, Krestin GP, *et al.* Surgical validation of unenhanced helical computed tomography in acute appendicitis. *Br J Surg* 2004;**91**:1641–5. Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆ Surgery ★★★★★☆

Marshburn TH, Legome E, Sargsyan A, *et al.* Goal-directed ultrasound in the detection of long-bone fractures. *J Trauma* 2004;**57**:329–32. Emergency medicine ★★★★★☆ Emergency medicine (Specialist) ★★★★★☆ Surgery ★★★★★☆

PROGNOSIS

Selvin E, Marinopoulos S, Berkenblit G, *et al.* Meta-analysis: glycosylated hemoglobin and cardiovascular disease in diabetes mellitus. *Ann Intern Med* 2004;**141**:421–31. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆ Endocrine ★★★★★☆

AETIOLOGY

Henriksen TB, Hjollund NH, Jensen TK, *et al.* Alcohol consumption at the time of conception and spontaneous abortion. *Am J Epidemiol* 2004;**160**:661–7. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Obstetrics ★★★★★☆

Strandberg TE, Strandberg A, Rantanen K, *et al.* Low cholesterol, mortality, and quality of life in old age during a 39-year follow-up. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2004;**44**:1002–8. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Cardiology ★★★★★☆

Shahinian VB, Kuo YF, Freeman JL, *et al.* Risk of fracture after androgen deprivation for prostate cancer. *N Engl J Med* 2005;**352**:154–64. Oncology ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

Cullinan P, MacNeill SJ, Harris JM, *et al.* Early allergen exposure, skin prick responses, and atopic wheeze at age 5 in English children: a cohort study. *Thorax* 2004;**59**:855–61. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Allergy & immunology ★★★★★☆ Immunology ★★★★★☆ Respiriology ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

Parker SK, Schwartz B, Todd J, *et al.* Thimerosal-containing vaccines and autistic spectrum disorder: a critical review of published original data. *Pediatrics* 2004;**114**:793–804. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Paediatrics ★★★★★☆

ECONOMICS

Singh S, Sun H, Anis AH. Cost-effectiveness of hip protectors in the prevention of osteoporosis related hip fractures in elderly nursing home residents. *J Rheumatol* 2004;**31**:1607–13. GP/FP/Primary care ★★★★★☆ Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Geriatrics ★★★★★☆ Rheumatology ★★★★★☆

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Landrigan CP, Rothschild JM, Cronin JW, *et al.* Effect of reducing interns' work hours on serious medical errors in intensive care units. *N Engl J Med* 2004;**351**:1838–48. Internal medicine ★★★★★☆ Intensivist ★★★★★☆