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**THERAPEUTICS**

▶ Review: Endovascular treatment and carotid endarterectomy do not differ for carotid stenosis

▶ Review: Low-dose dopamine does not reduce mortality or need for renal replacement therapy

▶ Review: 7-day proton-pump inhibitor-based triple therapy is as effective as >7 days of the same regimen for healing Helicobacter pylori-associated peptic ulcer

▶ Review: Early supported discharge reduces death or dependence after stroke

▶ Review: Mixed signals from trials concerning pharmacological prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus

▶ Review: Good evidence supports polyethylene glycol and tegaserod for constipation
Ramkumar D, Rao SS. Efficacy and safety of traditional medical therapies for chronic constipation: systematic review. Am J Gastroenterol 2005;100:936–71

▶ Cardiac resynchronization reduced death and hospitalization in heart failure and cardiac dysynchrony

▶ Protein energy supplementation of normal hospital diet did not improve outcomes after recent stroke

▶ Timing and route of enteral tube feeding did not reduce death or poor outcome in stroke and dysphagia

▶ Atorvastatin at 80 mg/d reduced major cardiovascular events more than atorvastatin at 10 mg/d in stable coronary heart disease

▶ Intensive insulin-glucose infusion regimens with long-term or standard glucose control did not differ for reducing mortality in type 2 diabetes mellitus and MI

▶ Streptokinase did not reduce mortality or need for surgical drainage in pleural infection

▶ Recombinant activated factor VII given within 4 hours of intracerebral hemorrhage reduced hematoma growth

▶ Alendronate reduced clinical and radiographic vertebral fractures in postmenopausal women with osteopenia

▶ Amlodipine or lisinopril was not better than chlorthalidone in reducing renal outcomes in hypertension and impaired renal function

▶ Folate plus vitamin B12 reduced hip fractures in patients with poststroke hemiplegia

**DIAGNOSIS**

▶ Review: Helical CT has better discriminatory power than ventilation-perfusion scan to exclude pulmonary embolism