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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 dyssynchrony
  

► 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 chlorothalidone 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
  