The following articles are abstracted in the March/April 2000 issue of ACP Journal Club. The declarative title of each abstract as published in ACP Journal Club precedes the article citation.

**Therapeutics**

Immediate revascularization for cardiogenic shock after MI reduced 6-month mortality


Empirical oral and IV antibiotics had similar effects for febrile neutropenia during chemotherapy in low-risk patients with cancer


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Review: vitamin D plus calcium is more effective than no therapy or calcium alone in corticosteroid-induced osteoporosis


Review: specially designed products to prevent or heal pressure ulcers are more effective than standard mattresses


Review: external hip protectors reduce the risk in elderly persons


Integrated outpatient treatment increased abstinence in men with alcohol-related illness who were ongoing drinkers


Review: long-term ursodeoxycholic acid does not prevent mortality or morbidity in primary biliary cirrhosis


**Diagnosis**

A 2-hour oral glucose tolerance test result \(\geq 11.1 \text{ mmol/L}\) predicted all-cause mortality better than a fasting glucose level \(\geq 7.0 \text{ mmol/L}\)


**Aetiology**

Increased time from assessment to angioplasty was associated with an increased 30-day mortality rate


Review: pooled heterogeneous studies show an association between *Helicobacter pylori* infection and gastric cancer


**Clinical prediction guide**

A simple index predicted cardiac complications in elective major noncardiac surgery


Organ system function, general health, social support, and age predicted discharge from a postacute geriatric unit to the community