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Therapeutics

Etanercept was more effective and safer than methotrexate in reducing disease progression in early rheumatoid arthritis

Bathon JM, Martin RW, Fleischmann RM, et al. A comparison of etanercept and methotrexate in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis. *N Engl J Med* 2000 Nov 30;**343**:1586–93.

Infliximab plus methotrexate was more effective than methotrexate alone in rheumatoid arthritis

Lipsky PE, van der Heijde DM, St Clair EW, et al, for the Anti-Tumor Necrosis Factor Trial in Rheumatoid Arthritis with Concomitant Therapy Study Group. Infliximab and methotrexate in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. *N Engl J Med* 2000 Nov 30;**343**:1594–602.

Pentoxifylline improved short-term survival in severe acute alcoholic hepatitis

Akriviadis E, Botla R, Briggs W, et al. Pentoxifylline improves short-term survival in severe acute alcoholic hepatitis: a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Gastroenterology* 2000 Dec;**119**:1637–48.

Extended stroke unit service improved independence at 26 weeks after acute stroke

Indredavik B, Fjærtøft H, Ekeberg G, et al. Benefit of an extended stroke unit service with early supported discharge. A randomized, controlled trial. *Stroke* 2000 Dec;**31**:2989–94.

Review: many drugs are effective for conversion of AF and maintenance of sinus rhythm

Miller MR, McNamara RL, Segal JB, et al. Efficacy of agents for pharmacologic conversion of atrial fibrillation and subsequent maintenance of sinus rhythm. A meta-analysis of clinical trials. *J Fam Pract* 2000 Nov;**49**:1033–46.

Review: low-molecular-weight heparin may be as effective and safe as vitamin-K antagonists in symptomatic venous thromboembolism

van der Heijden JF, Hutten BA, Büller HR, et al. Vitamin K antagonists or low-molecular-weight heparin for the long term treatment of symptomatic venous thromboembolism. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2000;(4):CD002001 (latest version 28 Mar 2000).

Methotrexate plus prednisone was more effective than prednisone monotherapy in giant-cell arteritis

Jover JA, Hernández-García C, Morado IC, et al. Combined

treatment of giant-cell arteritis with methotrexate and prednisone. A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Ann Intern Med* 2001 Jan 16;**134**:106–14.

Inhaled triamcinolone did not reduce the decline in pulmonary function in patients with COPD

The Lung Health Study Research Group. Effect of inhaled triamcinolone on the decline in pulmonary function in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *N Engl J Med* 2000 Dec 28;**343**:1902–9.

Review: inhaled beclomethasone reduces airflow limitations, symptoms, and the need for rescue bronchodilators in chronic asthma

Adams NP, Bestall JB, Jones PW. Inhaled beclomethasone versus placebo for chronic asthma. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2000;(4):CD002738 (latest version 9 Jun 1999).

Review: budesonide is better than mesalazine but not conventional corticosteroids for inducing remission in active Crohn disease

Papi C, Luchetti R, Gili L, et al. Budesonide in the treatment of Crohn's disease: a meta-analysis. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2000 Nov;**14**:1419–28.

Discontinuation of prophylaxis for *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia was safe after highly active antiretroviral therapy

Lopez Bernaldo de Quiros JC, Miro JM, Peña JM, et al, and the Grupo de Estudio del SIDA 04/98. A randomized trial of the discontinuation of primary and secondary prophylaxis against *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia after highly active antiretroviral therapy in patients with HIV infection. *N Engl J Med* 2001 Jan 18;**344**:159–67.

Diagnosis

Review: dobutamine stress myocardial perfusion imaging has high sensitivity for detecting coronary artery disease

Geleijnse ML, Elhendy A, Fioretti PM, et al. Dobutamine stress myocardial perfusion imaging. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2000 Dec;**36**:2017–27.

Review: functional testing for restenosis after PTCA has limited value

Garzon P, Eisenberg MJ. Functional testing for the detection of restenosis after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty: a meta-analysis. *Can J Cardiol* 2001 Jan;**17**:41–8.