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**Therapeutics**

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


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


Pentoxifylline improved short-term survival in severe acute alcoholic hepatitis


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


**Diagnosis**

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


Review: functional testing for restenosis after PTCA has limited value