The following articles are abstracted in the January/February 2002 issue of ACP Journal Club. The declarative title of each abstract as published in ACP Journal Club precedes the article citation.

**Therapeutics**
Femoral venous catheterisation was associated with increased risk of infection and thrombosis in critically ill patients

Review: albumin administration is not associated with excess mortality in acutely ill patients

An early invasive strategy reduced the incidence of major cardiac events in patients with unstable coronary syndromes

Abciximb was more effective that tirofiban in preventing ischemic events in patients having coronary stenting

Review: low-dose dopamine does not prevent acute renal failure or reduce mortality or need for haemodialysis

Review: extended-duration prophylaxis with heparin prevents deep venous thrombosis in hip or knee replacement

Review: some new bolus tPA-derived fibrinolytics are comparable to tPA in acute MI but others increase bleeding

Interferon β-1a decreased the risk of conversion to clinically definite multiple sclerosis

Salmeterol was not as effective as triamcinolone for persistent asthma

Stopping triamcinolone led to treatment failures in patients with persistent asthma on salmeterol and triamcinolone

**Diagnosis**
Helical computed tomography results indicated small to moderate changes in the probability of pulmonary embolism

Combining electrocardiography and necrosis biomarkers improved detection of acute myocardial infarction in patients with LBBB

**Prognosis**
Mortality did not vary with sex by 1 year after a first acute myocardial infarction