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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

1620 Effect of Catheter Ablation With Vein of Marshall Ethanol Infusion vs Catheter Ablation Alone on Persistent Atrial Fibrillation: The VENUS Randomized Clinical Trial

M Valderrábano and Coauthors

This randomized trial compares the effect of transcatheter pulmonary vein isolation during catheter ablation with vs without ethanol infusion into the vein of Marshall, an embryologic remnant of the left superior vena cava implicated in atrial fibrillation pathogenesis, on freedom from atrial arrhythmia at 12 months.

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1629 Effect of Regional Citrate Anticoagulation vs Systemic Heparin Anticoagulation During Continuous Kidney Replacement Therapy on Dialysis Filter Life Span and Mortality Among Critically Ill Patients With Acute Kidney Injury: A Randomized Clinical Trial

A Zarbock and Coauthors for the RICH Investigators and the Sepnet Trial Group

This randomized clinical trial compares the effect of regional citrate vs systemic heparin anticoagulation on dialysis filter life span and 90-day mortality among critically ill adults with acute kidney injury (AKI) receiving continuous kidney replacement therapy.

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1640 Association of Ticagrelor vs Clopidogrel With Net Adverse Clinical Events in Patients With Acute Coronary Syndrome Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

SC You and Coauthors

This cohort study compares net risk for ischemic vs hemorrhagic events at 12 months among patients treated with ticagrelor vs clopidogrel during and after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) management of acute coronary syndrome (ACS).

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BW Powers, SH Jain, and WH Shrank

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1609 Nutrient Warnings on Unhealthy Foods

MG Hall and AH Grummon

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1611 Out of the Park

RA Snyder

In this narrative medicine essay, a surgical oncologist describes the erosion of her confidence when patients and colleagues question her abilities or ignore her contributions based on her diminutive stature and sex and suggests that colleagues offer encouragement and praise to help stay further damage.

EDITORIAL

1613 Net Adverse Clinical Events With Antiplatelet Therapy in Acute Coronary Syndromes

ER Bates

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DF Haley and R Saitz

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JC Robinson

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1651 Antiretroviral Drugs for Treatment and Prevention of HIV Infection in Adults: 2020 Recommendations of the International Antiviral Society-USA Panel

MS Saag and Coauthors

This guideline from the International Antiviral (formerly AIDS) Society-USA updates practice recommendations for managing HIV infection including when to initiate antiviral therapy, how to monitor patients' response, when to change antiviral regimens, and use of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent infection in those at risk.

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JAMA GUIDE TO STATISTICS AND METHODS

1670 Worst-Rank Score Methods—A Nonparametric Approach to Informatively Missing Data

JM Lachin

This JAMA Guide to Statistics and Methods explains worst-rank score methods, a nonparametric statistical technique that assigns worst-case outcomes for patients with missing data to account for missingness that may reflect an adverse change in patient status (informative rather than random missingness).

JAMA PATIENT PAGE

1690 Carotid Artery Stenting

I Baiu and JR Stern

This JAMA Patient Page describes the use of the carotid artery stenting procedure to reduce the risk of stroke in patients with carotid artery atherosclerosis.

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1593 Telephone Visits Surge During the Pandemic, but Will They Last?

MC Jaklevic

This Medical News article describes the use of telephone visits to deliver care during the pandemic.

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1591 Trains and Outer Space—The Unique Worlds Within Autism

D Moreno-De-Luca

This Arts and Medicine feature presents "Outer Space," a neo-punk song written, played, and produced by a practicing neurogenetics psychiatrist to honor the brilliance of people with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

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1684 Palliative Care Consult

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RESEARCH LETTER

1673 Nonfatal Opioid Overdoses at an Urban Emergency Department During the COVID-19 Pandemic

TA Ochalek and Coauthors

This study compares the numbers of nonfatal, unintentional opioid-related opioid overdoses presenting to a US urban emergency department during the early months of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic (March-June 2020) vs 2019, overall and by age, race/ethnicity, and insurance status.

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1674 Analysis of Drug Test Results Before and After the US Declaration of a National Emergency Concerning the COVID-19 Outbreak

JJ Wainwright and Coauthors

This substance use epidemiology study uses a commercial urine drug testing (UDT) service's data to compare UDT results for cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine before vs after US declaration of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a national emergency among patients diagnosed with or at risk of substance use disorders.

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1677 Change in Donor Characteristics and Antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in Donated Blood in the US, June-August 2020

RY Dodd, M Xu, and SL Stramer

This study describes changes in blood donor demographics and seroreactivity after testing of blood donations for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) antibodies began and was publicized in the US in mid-June 2020.

COMMENT & RESPONSE

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