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### Research

#### ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

**2029 Effect of Doxycycline on Aneurysm Growth Among Patients With Small Infrarenal Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms: A Randomized Clinical Trial**  
BT Baxter and Coauthors  
for the N-TA<sup>3</sup>CT Investigators

This randomized trial compares the effect of doxycycline with placebo on reducing CT-measured abdominal aortic aneurysms over 2 years among patients with small infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysms.

Related Article **2080**

[Visual Abstract](#)

**2039 Effect of Antihypertensive Medication Reduction vs Usual Care on Short-term Blood Pressure Control in Patients With Hypertension Aged 80 Years and Older: The OPTIMISE Randomized Clinical Trial**  
JP Sheppard and Coauthors  
for the OPTIMISE Investigators

This randomized clinical trial compares the effects of antihypertensive medication withdrawal vs usual care on systolic blood pressure (SBP) among adults  $\geq 80$  years with SBP  $< 150$  mm Hg receiving  $\geq 2$  blood pressure-lowering drugs.

Editorial **2024**

[Visual Abstract](#) | [CME](#)

**2052 Presenting Characteristics, Comorbidities, and Outcomes Among 5700 Patients Hospitalized With COVID-19 in the New York City Area**  
S Richardson and Coauthors  
and the Northwell COVID-19 Research Consortium

This case series describes clinical characteristics, health services use, and outcomes of patients with confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cared for at 12 hospitals of a single health system in the New York City (NYC) area.

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### Opinion

#### VIEWPOINT

**2001 The Potential Effects of Coronavirus on National Health Expenditures**  
S Glied and H Levy

**2003 The Business of Medicine in the Era of COVID-19**  
DM Cutler, S Nikpay, and RS Huckman

[Available online](#)

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**2005 Oncology Practice During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

D Schrag, DL Hershman, and E Basch

**2007 Postacute Care Preparedness for COVID-19: Thinking Ahead**  
DC Grabowski and KE Joynt Maddox

[Audio](#)

**2009 Securing the Safety Net and Protecting Public Health During a Pandemic: Medicaid's Response to COVID-19**  
C Bachireddy, C Chen, and M Dar

**2011 Social Media and Emergency Preparedness in Response to Novel Coronavirus**  
RM Merchant and N Lurie

**2013 Medical Education Takes a Step in the Right Direction: Where Does That Leave Students?**  
MA Crane, HA Chang, and R Azamfirei

Viewpoint **2015** and **2017**  
Editorial **2022**

**2015 Change in Reporting of USMLE Step 1 Scores and Potential Implications for International Medical Graduates**  
A Desai, A Hegde, and D Das

Viewpoint **2013** and **2017**  
Editorial **2022**

**2017 The USMLE Step 1 Decision: An Opportunity for Medical Education and Training**  
HJ Chaudhry, PJ Katsuftrakis, and AF Tallia

Viewpoint **2013** and **2015**  
Editorial **2022**

#### A PIECE OF MY MIND

**2019 Lost Space**  
R Thronson

In this narrative medicine essay, an internist considers the effects of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic on noninfected patients whose access to care may be blocked by fear, economic loss, or an overwhelmed health care system.

#### EDITORIAL

**2021 Health Care Heroes of the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
H Bauchner and TJ Easley  
on behalf of the entire editorial and publishing staff of JAMA and the JAMA Network

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#### MULTIMEDIA

[Editor's Audio Summary](#): Listen as editors discuss this week's issue

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[Audio Author Interview](#): COVID-19 and US Health Care Spending

[Audio](#): May 2020 Medical News Summary

[Audio](#): Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update: How the VA Is Preparing

[Audio](#): New York City Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

[Author Audio Interview](#): The USMLE Step 1 Decision

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HJ Humphrey and JN Woodruff

Viewpoint **2013, 2015, and 2017**

### 2024 Deprescribing Antihypertensive Medications for Patients Aged 80 Years or Older: Is Doing Less Doing No Harm?

ED Peterson and MW Rich

Related Article **2039**

### 2027 COVID-19 and Risks Posed to Personnel During Endotracheal Intubation

DN Weissman, MA de Perio, and LJ Radonovich Jr

Related Article **2091**

### Clinical Review & Education

#### US PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE

### 2060 Primary Care–Based Interventions to Prevent Illicit Drug Use in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults: US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

US Preventive Services Task Force

This 2020 Recommendation Statement from the US Preventive Services Task Force concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of primary care–based behavioral counseling interventions to prevent illicit drug use, including nonmedical use of prescription drugs, in children, adolescents, and young adults (1 statement).

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JAMA Patient Page **2104**

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### 2067 Interventions to Prevent Illicit and Nonmedical Drug Use in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults: Updated Evidence Report and Systematic Review for the US Preventive Services Task Force

E O'Connor and Coauthors

This systematic review to support the 2020 US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement on interventions to prevent illicit and nonmedical drug use summarizes published evidence on the benefits and harms of primary care–based interventions to prevent illicit and nonmedical drug use in children, adolescents, and young adults.

Related Article **2060**

JAMA Patient Page **2104**

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#### JAMA GUIDE TO STATISTICS AND METHODS

### 2080 Nonparametric Statistical Analysis

JM Lachin

This JAMA Guide to Statistics and Methods reviews common types of nonparametric statistics, which make no assumptions about underlying population distribution, and explains when they are appropriate to use.

Related Article **2029**

#### JAMA INSIGHTS

### 2082 Diagnosis and Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in 2020

SE Wakeman

This JAMA Insights Clinical Update reviews current approaches to screening for and managing opioid use disorder, summarizing available screening instruments, diagnostic criteria, and appropriate use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT), including methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.

#### JAMA PATIENT PAGE

### 2103 Masks and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

AN Desai and DM Aronoff

This JAMA Patient Page describes who should wear face masks during the COVID-19 pandemic and provides suggestions for making masks at home and wearing them properly.

### 2104 Interventions to Prevent Illicit Drug Use in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults

J Jin

This JAMA Patient Page summarizes the 2020 US Preventive Services Task Force recommendation concluding that evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of primary care–based behavioral counseling interventions to prevent illicit drug use in children, adolescents, and young adults.

Related Articles **2060** and **2067**

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#### News & Analysis

#### MEDICAL NEWS & PERSPECTIVES

### 1993 Finding Ways to Reduce Coronavirus Exposure During Dialysis

R Rubin

This Medical News Feature examines what hemodialysis centers are doing to protect their high-risk patients from COVID-19.

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#### THE JAMA FORUM

### 1996 Emerging Lessons From COVID-19 Response in New York City

DA Chokshi and MH Katz

#### HEALTH AGENCIES UPDATE

### 1998 Fish-Rich Mediterranean Diet Associated With Higher Cognition

### 1998 Improper Drug Disposal After Patients on Home Hospice Care Die

### 1998 Traumatic Brain Injury Hospital Stays Are Longer, More Costly

#### CLINICAL TRIALS UPDATE

### 1999 No Benefit for Lopinavir–Ritonavir in Severe COVID-19

### 1999 Daily Aspirin Not Neuroprotective in ASPREE Trial

### 1999 Integrated Care Cut Mortality in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

### 1999 Gabapentin Treats Alcohol Use Disorder With Withdrawal Symptoms

### 1999 Psoriasis Drug Guselkumab Improved Psoriatic Arthritis Symptoms

#### NEWS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

### 2000 Nonfatal, Fatal Overdoses Rising

### 2000 Hybrid Influenza Strain in Idaho

#### Humanities

#### THE ARTS AND MEDICINE

### 1992 Nervous Breakdown-and-Across

AR Ohringer and B Haight

This Arts and Medicine feature, a crossword puzzle containing some medical themes and other brain ticklers, is presented as readers shelter in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### POETRY AND MEDICINE

### 2099 Blue Madonna

H Treseler

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### 2100 PELLAGRA

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### Letters

#### RESEARCH LETTER

**2085 Rates of Co-infection Between SARS-CoV-2 and Other Respiratory Pathogens**

D Kim and Coauthors

This study describes the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 co-infection with noncoronavirus respiratory pathogens in a sample of symptomatic patients undergoing PCR testing in March 2020.

**2087 Symptom Screening at Illness Onset of Health Care Personnel With SARS-CoV-2 Infection in King County, Washington**

EJ Chow and Coauthors

This study assessed the spectrum of initial symptoms at the onset of polymerase chain reaction-confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) among health care personnel in King County, Washington.

**2089 Alterations in Smell or Taste in Mildly Symptomatic Outpatients With SARS-CoV-2 Infection**

G Spinato and Coauthors

This study reports on the prevalence, intensity, and timing of an altered sense of smell or taste in patients with SARS-CoV-2 infections.

**2091 Exposure to a Surrogate Measure of Contamination From Simulated Patients by Emergency Department Personnel Wearing Personal Protective Equipment**

O Feldman and Coauthors

This study uses an atomizer and fluorescent markers to simulate contamination of uncovered skin and hair of health care workers wearing personal protective equipment after intubating patient manikins under emergency conditions.

Editorial 2027

**2093 Prevalence, Types, and Sources of Bullying Reported by US General Surgery Residents in 2019**

LM Zhang and Coauthors

This survey study describes surgical trainees' self-reported experiences of bullying and symptoms of burnout and suicidality assessed at the time of their board certification examination.

#### COMMENT & RESPONSE

**Genital Powder Use and Ovarian Cancer**

2095 DW Cramer

2096 BL Harlow, EJ Murray, and KJ Rothman

#### In Reply

2096 KM O'Brien, DP Sandler, and N Wentzensen

**Ondansetron Use in Pregnancy and Congenital Malformations**

2097 A Saban, P Deruelle, and T Boisrame

#### In Reply

2097 KF Huybrechts, S Hernandez-Diaz, and BT Bateman

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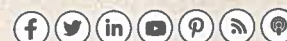
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