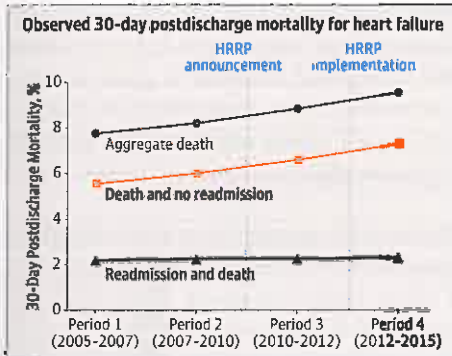


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Hospital Readmission Penalties and Postdischarge Mortality 2542



There is concern that financial penalties for higher-than-expected hospital readmission rates may have unintended consequences for patient care. Wadhwa and colleagues compared mortality rates for 8.3 million hospitalizations and found that announcement and implementation of the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program were associated with increases in 30-day postdischarge mortality following hospitalization for heart failure and

pneumonia. In an Editorial, Fonarow suggests that the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program should be reconsidered and other strategies should be developed to reduce avoidable readmissions while improving patient care.

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Body Fat Distribution, Diabetes, and Coronary Disease 2553

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Long-term Pain Control for Osteoarthritis 2564

Reviews of treatments for osteoarthritis typically emphasize short-term pain control and seldom address long-term outcomes. Gregori and colleagues analyzed long-term outcomes of 47 randomized clinical trials of medications for knee osteoarthritis and found that estimates of therapeutic efficacy were uncertain, suggesting the need for larger long-term trials.

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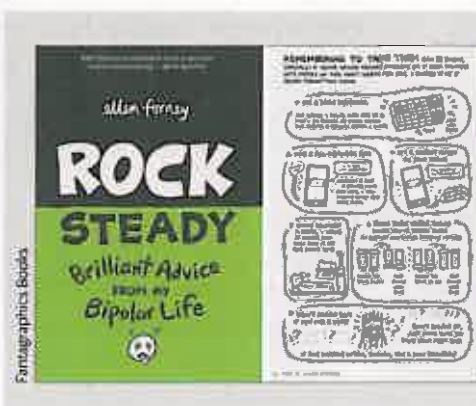
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Physicians, nurses, or other health care professionals may be asked to provide assistance during in-flight medical emergencies. Martin-Gill and colleagues review the pathophysiology of symptom development after prolonged positioning in a hypoxic and pressurized environment and recommend a clinical approach to the management of in-flight medical emergencies.

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This JAMA Clinical Challenge by Mukaigawara and Sugita presents a man with cough, coryza, fever, conjunctivitis, and a generalized maculopapular rash. He recently traveled to a nearby island. What would you do next?

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