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#### Research

# **Respiratory Protection for Health Care Workers**

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Disposable N95 filtering facepiece respirators prevent the inhalation of small airborne particles; medical masks prevent hand-to-face contact and facial contact with large droplets and sprays. For the ResPECT Investigators, Radonovich and colleagues randomized 2862 health care workers in 137 outpatient settings who were exposed to patients with suspected or confirmed respiratory illness and found no significant difference in the incidence of laboratory-confirmed influenza for workers assigned to wear N95 respirators vs medical masks. In an Editorial, Talbot and Babcock note that mandatory influenza vaccination policies for health care workers have been shown to reduce symptomatic absenteeism.

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1000 Person 800

# Warfarin Prophylaxis for Hip or Knee Arthroplasty

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Warfarin dosing is based on international normalized ratio (INR) measurements to balance the risks of thrombosis vs hemorrhage. Gage and colleagues randomized 1650 patients aged 65 years or older who were initiating warfarin for elective hip or knee arthroplasty and found that an INR goal of 1.8 compared with an INR goal of 2.5 did not meet the criterion for noninferiority for the composite outcome of venous thromboembolism or death.

# Trends in the Use of Medical Imaging

2008

Medical imaging has diagnostic ben-Annual change in imaging rates per 1000 person-years efits but is costly and can lead to overdiagnosis, anxiety, and radiation exposure. Smith-Bindman and colleagues

more recent years. In an Editorial, Levine and Duszak suggest that while imaging studies can be expensive, in the context of an episode of care they may yield overall cost savings.

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conducted a retrospective cohort study of 135 774 532 imaging examinations in the United States and Ontario, Canada, and found that rates of computed tomographic and magnetic resonance imaging increased during the period 2000 to 2016 but at a slower pace in



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# **RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT**

#### **Medications for Reducing the Risk of Breast Cancer**

Tamoxifen, raloxifene, and aromatase inhibitors can reduce the risk of breast cancer, but the use of these drugs is associated with adverse events. The US Preventive Services Task Force recommends that clinicians offer to prescribe risk-reducing medications, such as tamoxifen, raloxifene, or aromatase inhibitors, to women who are at increased risk for breast cancer and at low risk for medication-related adverse events. In an Editorial, Pace and Keating suggest that better decision aids are needed to help patients assess the benefits and risks of initiating treatment.

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#### **EVIDENCE REPORT**

### Outcomes of Medication Use for Breast Cancer Risk Reduction

The decision to start a breast cancer risk-reducing medication should be based on an accurate assessment of potential benefits and harms. Nelson and colleagues reviewed 46 studies and found that tamoxifen, raloxifene, and aromatase inhibitors were associated with a lower risk for primary invasive breast cancer in women, but also were associated with adverse events.

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# A Woman With Poor Nutrition and Depressed Mood

This JAMA Diagnostic Test Interpretation article by Murali presents a 37-year-old woman with a history of depression and Roux-en-Y gastric bypass who had fatigue, hair loss, and a tingling sensation in her hands and feet. Serum tests indicated hematologic and nutritional abnormalities. What would you do next?

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