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Rates of angiography are considered too high among patients with suspected coronary heart disease (CHD), and limited empirical data address strategies to reduce angiography rates. In a randomized trial that enrolled 1202 patients from 6 hospitals in the United Kingdom, Greenwood and colleagues found that a cardiovascular magnetic resonance imaging (CMR)-guided care strategy produced a lower probability of protocol-defined unnecessary angiography in the subsequent 12 months than care guided by the UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines. Unnecessary coronary angiography rates did not differ between CMR-guided and myocardial perfusion scintigraphy-guided care.

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Clinical Factors, Therapeutic Strategies, and Survival After MI

In an analysis of 2003-2013 registry data from 389 057 patients with non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction (MI) presenting to 247 hospitals in England and Wales, Hall and colleagues found that improvements in 6-month all-cause mortality were significantly associated with increased use of invasive management and not entirely related to a decline in clinical risk at admission or increased use of pharmacological treatments. In an Editorial, Bohula and Antman discuss progress in the management of non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction.

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Endocarditis After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Limited data exist on clinical characteristics and outcomes of patients who experience infective endocarditis after transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). In an analysis of international registry data from 20 006 patients who had undergone TAVR between March 2007 and October 2015, Regueiro and colleagues found that younger age, male sex, a history of diabetes, and moderate to severe residual aortic regurgitation were associated with an increased risk of endocarditis after TAVR. In-hospital mortality was high among patients with endocarditis.

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