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Corticosteroid-Sparing Treatments for Noninfectious Uveitis

Some evidence suggests that mycophenolate mofetil may be superior to methotrexate for initial treatment of noninfectious uveitis. Rathinam and colleagues randomized 216 adults with noninfectious uveitis and found that the use of mycophenolate mofetil, compared with methotrexate, as first-line corticosteroid-sparing treatment did not result in superior control of inflammation.

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Home-Based Physical Training After Hip Fracture

The benefit of exercise interventions for patients with hip fracture may be attributable to the treatment itself or to the experience of receiving intensive contact with well-trained professionals. Magaziner and colleagues randomized 210 older adults with hip fracture and found that a multicomponent home-based physical therapy intervention, compared with an active control that included transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation and active range-of-motion exercises, did not result in a statistically significant improvement in the ability to walk 300 m or more in 6 minutes after 16 weeks.

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Dialysis Facility Ownership and Access to Transplantation

Kidney transplantation is the preferred treatment for most adults with end-stage kidney disease, but only 14% of patients in the United States receive transplant or have been placed on a waiting list within 1 year of end-stage kidney disease diagnosis. Gander and colleagues conducted a retrospective cohort study of

1478 564 patients in 6511 US dialysis facilities and found that receiving dialysis in forprofit, compared with nonprofit, facilities was associated with lower likelihood of accessing kidney transplant. In an Editorial, Boulware reports that recently proposed Medicare payment models will provide incentives to enhance transplant rates.

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