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Coronary heart disease was the epidemic of the 20th century. Toward the end of the century, coronary atherosclerosis began to decline due to decreases in smoking and cholesterol levels. Primary and secondary prevention decreased the incidence of acute myocardial infarction and sudden cardiac death.

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**CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES**

Wei Huang, Robert J. Goldberg, Frederick A. Anderson, Catarina I. Kiefe, and Frederick A. Spencer

Despite advances in identification, prophylaxis, and treatment between 1985 and 2009, the annual event rate of venous thromboembolism has increased and remains high. While this increase may be due in part to increased sensitivity of diagnostic methods, especially for pulmonary embolism, it may also imply that current prevention and treatment strategies are less than optimal.

840 Depression, Dietary Habits, and Cardiovascular Events Among Women with Suspected Myocardial Ischemia

Dietary habits, such as fruit, vegetable, and fiber intake, may help explain depression/cardiovascular disease relationships. In this study, fiber intake and fruit and vegetable consumption were associated with decreased time to cardiovascular disease event.

848 Fish Consumption and Acute Coronary Syndrome: A Meta-Analysis
Sylvie S.L. Leung Yinko, Ken D. Stark, George Thanassoulis, and Louise Pilote

This meta-analysis demonstrated that there is an inverse association between fish consumption and the risk of acute coronary syndrome. Fish consumption appears beneficial in the primary prevention of acute coronary syndrome, and higher consumption is associated with higher protection.

858 Gout in African Americans
Eswar Krishnan

After accounting for the higher prevalence of risk factors, African American ethnicity is associated with significantly lower risk for gout and hyperuricemia compared to Caucasian ethnicity.

865 Effect of Treatment Variation on Outcomes in Patients with Clostridium difficile
Adam T. Brown and Charles F. Seifert

Only 51.7% of prescribers followed the Infectious Disease Society of America / Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America guidelines for the treatment of C. difficile infections. Patients whose prescribers followed these guidelines had a significant reduction in mortality.

871 Risk and Prognosis of Cancer in Patients with Nephrotic Syndrome
Christian F. Christiansen, Tracy Onega, Claus Svarer, Döra Körnendine Farkas, Bente Jespersen, John A. Baron, and Henrik Toft Sørensen

Nephrotic syndrome is a marker of occult solid tumors and hematologic malignancies and is associated with a worsened cancer prognosis.

878 Cocaine-related Aortic Dissection: Lessons from the International Registry of Acute Aortic Dissection
Joshua H. Dean, Elise M. Woznicki, Patrick O’Gara, Daniel G. Montgomery, Santi Trimarchi, Truls Myrmel, Reed E. Pyeritz, Kevin M. Harris, Toru Suzuki, Alan C. Braverman, G. Chad Hughes, Eva Kline-Rogers, Christoph A. Nienaber, Eric M. Isselbacher, Kim A. Eagle, and Eduardo Bossone

Cocaine use is implicated in 1.8% of patients with acute aortic dissection. The typical patient is relatively young and has additional risk factors, such as hypertension and tobacco use.

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REVIEW

886.e1 Pneumococcal Vaccine and Patients with Pulmonary Diseases
Mehdi Mirsaeidi, Golnaz Ebrahimi, Mary Beth Allen, and Stefano Aliberti

Pneumococcal vaccine is considered a significant cause of mortality in patients with chronic pulmonary diseases. Streptococcus pneumoniae is the leading isolated bacteria from adult patients with community-acquired pneumonia, the most common pulmonary infection. Vaccination against S. pneumoniae can reduce the risk of mortality.

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886.e9 Health Risks Associated with Crude Oil Spill Exposure
Mark A. D'Andrea and G. Kesava Reddy

This follow-up analysis to a study previously published in the Journal indicates that humans exposed to crude oil spills have a risk of developing hepatic or blood-related disorders.

886.e15 Inpatient-outpatient Transitions for Patients with Resident Primary Care Physicians: Access and Readmission
Lauren Doctoroff, Diane McNally, Anita Vanka, Ryan Nall, and Kenneth J. Mukamal

Hospitalized patients with resident primary care physicians had lower rates of timely postdischarge follow-up, higher rates of readmission, and a lower likelihood of seeing their own provider than did patients with faculty primary care physicians.

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