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Three articles this month address how we order clinical tests, one on the question of treating the patient with asymptomatic bacteriuria, the others on the advantages and disadvantages of standing orders for “daily labs” for inpatients.

Brian F. Mandell, MD, PhD

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Asymptomatic granules on the buccal mucosa 676

A healthy 35-year-old man presented with multiple small, white-yellow papules.

Keiichi Ohta, DDS; Hitoshi Yoshimura, DDS, PhD

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As patients are already using these products, rather than dismiss the use of e-cigarettes, clinicians should provide accurate information to help patients make the best choices for their health.

Vania Modesto-Lowe, MD, MPH; Lakshit Jain, MD; Roberto León-Barriera, MD

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Should ‘daily labs’ be a quality priority in hospital medicine? 685

Evidence shows that unnecessary daily testing is only a minor contributor to anemia and healthcare costs for most inpatients. The effect on patient experience has not been definitively established.

Caleb J. Murphy, MD, MBA; Andrew W. Schram, MD, MBA

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Laboratory stewardship should be a priority in every hospital 691

Considerations include indirect costs, downstream testing or other workup based on minor abnormalities uncovered during daily testing, and shortages in staff and supplies.

Anita J. Reddy, MD, MBA; Walter H. Henricks, MD

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When patients present with symptoms that suggest but are not clearly diagnostic of urinary tract infection, urine studies should be obtained.

Ellen K. Kendall; Yael Mauer, MD, MPH

GUIDELINES TO PRACTICE

Evaluation and management of gastroesophageal reflux disease: A brief look at the updated guidelines 700

Updated guidelines from the American College of Gastroenterology address the evaluation and management of reflux disease, consequences of long-term PPI therapy, and emerging therapies.

Priya Sasankan, MD; Prashanthi N. Thota, MD, FACP

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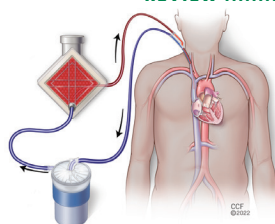
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Neha K. Reddy, MD, MA; Christian Scherer, DO; Samuel Kessel, MD, MBA; Alejandro Moreno, MBBS, MPH, JD, MACP

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Extracorporeal carbon dioxide removal to treat hypercapnic respiratory failure has been studied in acute respiratory distress syndrome, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, and other conditions.

Justin Hanks, DO; Steven Fox, MD; Omar Mehkri, MD; Laura W. Lund, PhD; Tracey Dill, RRT; Abhijit Duggal, MD, MPH, MSc; Sudhir Krishnan, MD

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Is your patient at risk for NAFLD? 719

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Patress Ann Persons, MD, FACP; Sophie Bersoux, MD, MPH, FACP; Mary Helen Whited, MD, FACP

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