The Physical Examination

Accuracy of the physical examination in evaluating pleural effusion

A careful physical examination is a valuable and noninvasive means of assessing pleural effusions and should be routinely performed in every patient in whom this condition is suspected.

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CURRENT DRUG THERAPY

What role will ‘gliptins’ play in glycemic control?  

Sitagliptin (Januvia) is now available, vildagliptin (Galvus) is awaiting approval, and other “gliptins” are under development. Their greatest appeal appears to be their ability to stimulate insulin production with little risk of hypoglycemia.

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REVIEW

A review of spinal arachnoid cysts

The symptoms of spinal arachnoid cysts are variable and nonspecific, so these cysts are commonly misdiagnosed as herniated disks. Many are discovered incidentally.

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THE CLINICAL PICTURE

Dropped gallstones disguised as a liver abscess

The patient, who underwent laparoscopic cholecystectomy 3 months ago, now has abdominal pain and a spot on computed tomography that could be a liver abscess. But is it?

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Correction: Antibiotic prophylaxis dosage error


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