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The battle of the clot

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A healthy 84-year-old woman has an asymptomatic lesion on her cheek that has grown progressively over the past 10 months. What is it?

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Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease: Emerging concepts of pathogenesis and new treatments

Some of the mystery of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease is starting to clear. As a result, some promising new treatments are in clinical trials.

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Anticoagulants and pregnancy: When are they safe?

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