Bone quality: A soft concept, hard to ignore

How can we better predict who, given a low T score, will have a fractured hip or spine and who will not?

B.F. MANDELL

Bone density vs bone quality: What’s a clinician to do?

Denser bone is not necessarily stronger. The concept of bone strength has moved beyond density alone and now includes a number of characteristics collectively referred to as bone quality.

A. LICATA

Infectious Disease Update

The resurgence of swine-origin influenza A (H1N1)

The health care system is mobilizing, while the world watches to see if this infection will become a pandemic or will just fade away, like the swine flu outbreak of 1976.

S.B. MOSSAD

Commentary

New developments in the diagnosis of fibromyalgia syndrome: Say goodbye to tender points?

The Symptom Intensity Scale score can be used to identify and quantify fibromyalgia syndrome from information supplied by a simple questionnaire.

W.S. WILKE

A 72-year-old man with a purpuric rash

He has multiple medical problems and a new rash that appeared 2 weeks ago. Now he presents to the emergency department confused and diaphoretic.

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Diffuse hair loss: Its triggers and management
Triggers include a wide variety of physical or emotional stresses, nutritional deficiencies, and endocrine imbalances. Finding the cause enables appropriate treatment.

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Is telemetry overused? Is it as helpful as thought?
Cardiac telemetry is widely used in hospitals, but it is expensive and labor-intensive. Therefore, it should be used only in those most likely to benefit.


Soft tissue atrophy after corticosteroid injection
Although it is rare, patients still need to be told about this potential adverse effect.

P.J. PAPADOPOULOS AND J.D. EDISON

DEPARTMENTS

Letters to the editor
Readers comment on articles on the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (March 2009) and the shingles vaccine (January 2009).

Correction

CME calendar

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