The pretravel visit: A ‘teaching moment’

Often, a pretravel visit is also a good time to introduce concepts of preventive health to patients who might not otherwise be accessible or amenable.

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THE CLINICAL PICTURE

Giant nodules on the hands

A 78-year-old man with hyperuricemia treated with allopurinol presents with asymptomatic nodules on both hands. What is the most likely diagnosis?

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When should serum amylase and lipase levels be repeated in a patient with acute pancreatitis?

In general, repeating these measurements has no value once the diagnosis of acute pancreatitis is made.

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THE CLINICAL PICTURE

Bony bridge of a bifid rib

A 21-year-old man presents with 3 days of cough and hemoptysis. A chest x-ray reveals a congenital anomaly.

E. KUPELI and G. ULUBAY

Breaking the cycle of medication overuse headache

Some migraine patients fall into a trap by overusing their headache medications. Fortunately, we can break the cycle.

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**Risks of travel, benefits of a specialist consult**

Before going abroad to risky areas, most people ought to visit their primary care physicians, and many should be referred to a specialist in travel medicine.

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**Vaccine update 2010:**

**Keeping up with the changes**

Changes and additions to the vaccination schedule for children, adolescents, and adults.

D. CAMPOS-OUTCALT

**THE CLINICAL PICTURE**

**The Courvoisier sign**

A 60-year-old woman has had jaundice, dark-colored urine, and light-colored stools for the past several days. On examination, her gallbladder is palpable.

M.A. PARSI

**New tools for detecting occult monoclonal gammopathy, a cause of secondary osteoporosis**

Osteoporosis can be the presenting sign of a monoclonal gammopathy, which in some people may precede a diagnosis of multiple myeloma.

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