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Hypertension: Don't worry about the J curve—treat the patient

Concerns over being too aggressive remain theoretical. A far greater problem is that we are still not successfully treating hypertension to even a conservative target.

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How should one investigate a chronic cough?
First, take the history, perform a physical examination, and order a chest radiograph.

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Caring for VIPs: Nine principles
When the patient is a “very important person,” the health care team should resist pressure to bend the rules.

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Seek and treat: HIV update 2011
Clinicians should routinely and matter-of-factly test patients for human immunodeficiency virus infection, just as they screen for other diseases.

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Airway pressure release ventilation: An alternative mode of mechanical ventilation in acute respiratory distress syndrome
This mode may be useful in situations in which the lungs need to be recruited (reinflated) and held open.

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Blood clots can occur during air travel, although the absolute risk is low. People with hypercoagulable conditions are at greater risk and may need prophylaxis.

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Meeting the health care needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients

Giant cell arteritis Suspect it, treat it promptly

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Visceral angioedema due to ACE inhibitors