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Smart testing:
An old idea, a new series
We hope to change test-ordering behaviors in situations in which there is a smart—and a not-so-smart—way to pursue a diagnosis.
B.F. Mandell

NEW SERIES: SMART TESTING

Series introduction:
Doing the right thing to control health care costs
Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine initiates its contribution to high-value care with a new series, “Smart Testing.”
P.C. Alguire

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Is cardiac stress testing appropriate in asymptomatic adults at low risk?
This test is most useful in patients who have chest pain and shortness of breath on exertion.
C.D. Smith and P.C. Alguire

THE CLINICAL PICTURE

Double trouble: Simultaneous complications of therapeutic thoracentesis
A 51-year-old man with liver disease developed both pneumothorax and pulmonary edema.
B. Apter and P. Aronowitz

COMMENTARY

Changes to practice may help avoid ‘double trouble’
When draining large effusions, take precautions to prevent pneumothorax and reexpansion pulmonary edema.
E. Mireles-Cabodevila and R.W. Ashton

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Swelling and pain 2 weeks after a dog bite
At first the bite seemed to improve, but now it is worsening, with red streaks from wrist to elbow.
M.A. Lane and T.H. Taylor

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Sleep apnea ABCs: Airway, breathing, circulation

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Hand, foot, and mouth disease: Not just in kids

Why study cardiovascular outcomes in type 2 diabetes?

Diagnostic urgency: Statin-induced myopathy