FROM THE EDITOR

Anaphylaxis: Expanding our perspective

Anaphylaxis is not always the extreme scenario we learned about in medical school. There is a range of far milder allergic infusion reactions that are nonetheless anaphylaxis.

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1-MINUTE CONSULT

Does my hospitalized patient need an NPO-after-midnight order preoperatively?

Delays and postponements of surgical procedures are common, and NPO-after-midnight orders in these situations can result in prolonged periods without oral intake.

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THE CLINICAL PICTURE

Hypertrichosis and topical corticosteroid use

The xerotic dermatitis had resolved 2 years earlier, but the patient had continued to apply the medication.

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REVIEW

Soft tissue sarcoma: Recognizing a rare disease

Awareness of the signs and symptoms ensures prompt referral to a sarcoma center for appropriate assessment and treatment to optimize outcomes.

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REVIEW

Extraosseous calcification in kidney disease

A review of the pathogenesis, presentation, diagnosis, and treatment of vascular and soft tissue calcification.

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Upcoming Features

- Evaluating breast cancer risk
- When is testing needed for penicillin allergy?
- Anemia of chronic kidney disease
Recurrent anemia in a patient with chronic lymphocytic leukemia

New episodes of anemia do not automatically imply disease progression, and each should be evaluated completely.

Sassine Ghanem, MD; Jason Gonsky, MD, PhD

Hypercalcemia and vitamin A: A vitamin to keep in mind

Vitamin A toxicity can affect bone resorption and hypercalcemia and should be explored in unexplained cases of parathyroid hormone-independent hypercalcemia.

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Anaphylaxis: Highlights from the practice parameter update

The update addresses diagnostic criteria, treatment options, prevention of recurrences, and patient education on avoiding triggers and using self-injectable epinephrine.

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