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Pursuing the diagnosis of low back pain
The recommended conservative approach eschewing initial imaging in patients with acute or subacute low back pain is unlikely to miss a significant clinical problem in those with no “red flags,” though the evaluation should be tempered in patients with chronic low back pain.
Brian F. Mandell, MD, PhD

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Low back pain: Spondylitis?
A 37-year-old woman was referred to a rheumatology clinic due to symptoms concerning for spondylitis after noting intermittent back pain with right-sided groin pain.
Aditi Patel, MD; Jean Schils, MD

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Should an NPO order be placed for my patient with acute pancreatitis?
Resting the pancreas with extended periods of nothing by mouth status or total parenteral nutrition is no longer considered the standard of care.
Aaron Pathak, BA; Siena Blackwell, BSN; Robert Jay Sealock, MD

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A hidden cause of hypokalemia
A 21-year-old man presented with increasing fatigue and psychosis symptoms. Laboratory testing results were consistent with a metabolic disorder.
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Preexposure prophylaxis for preventing HIV infection:
Routine practice in primary care
Knowing how to conduct a thorough sexual history and prescribe PrEP medications can contribute to reducing the incidence of new HIV infection.
Amy L. Wiser, MD, IBCLC

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Gastroparesis for the nongastroenterologist
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