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Studies of cardiopulmonary resuscitation have reported an increased risk of mortality in patients receiving endotracheal intubation. A trial by Jabre and colleagues that randomized 2043 patients with out-of-hospital cardiorespiratory arrest to receive bag-mask ventilation or endotracheal intubation was inconclusive. In an Editorial, Lewis and Gausche-Hill suggest that a more informative outcome for future studies of resuscitation would score the severity of neurological impairment.

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Meropenem-vaborbactam has potent in vitro activity against antibiotic-resistant Enterobacteriaceae. In a randomized trial that enrolled 550 patients with complicated urinary tract infections, Kaye and colleagues found meropenem-vaborbactam to be noninferior to piperacillin-tazobactam for the composite outcome of complete resolution or improvement of symptoms with microbial eradication.

American Football and Long-term Mortality

Professional football players are well-conditioned athletes at risk for repetitive trauma and substance abuse. In a retrospective cohort study of 3812 retired US National Football League (NFL) players, Venkataramani and colleagues found that career participation in the NFL, compared with limited NFL exposure as a replacement player during a league-wide strike, was not associated with a statistically significant difference in long-term all-cause mortality. In an Editorial, DeKosky and colleagues recommend that future studies of elite athletes should address their quality of life.
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