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Evaporative Cooling for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

Some evidence suggests that therapeutic hypothermia for patients in cardiac arrest may be more effective if initiated during cardiopulmonary resuscitation rather than at a later stage of treatment. Nordberg and colleagues randomized 677 patients with bystander-witnessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and found that trans-nasal evaporative intra-arrest cooling did not result in a statistically significant improvement in neurologically intact survival at 90 days. In an Editorial, Hirsch and Callaway discuss the difficulty in demonstrating a benefit of protective vs resuscitative hypothermia.

Aspirin and Fecal Immunochemical Testing

Observational study findings suggest that aspirin may increase the sensitivity of fecal immunochemical tests for detecting advanced adenomas, which are the precursors of most colorectal cancers. Brenner and colleagues randomized 2422 patients and found that administration of a single dose of oral aspirin prior to fecal immunochemical testing did not improve the detection of advanced colorectal neoplasms.

Aclidinium for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Long-acting muscarinic antagonists, such as aclidinium, are widely used for maintenance bronchodilation in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, but their cardiovascular safety is unclear. In a randomized trial of 3589 patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and a history of cardiovascular disease or atherothrombotic risk factors, Wise and colleagues found that aclidinium, compared with placebo, did not result in an inferior risk for major adverse cardiovascular events (MACEs).
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