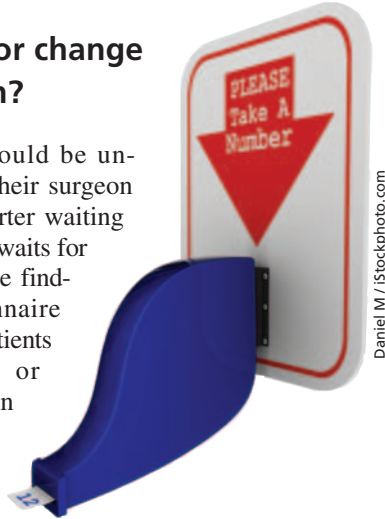


Wait longer or change your surgeon?

Most patients would be unlikely to change their surgeon to one with a shorter waiting time, despite long waits for surgery. This is the finding of a questionnaire survey of 1200 patients waiting for hip or knee arthroplasty in Saskatchewan.

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Proton pump inhibitors

Use of proton pump inhibitors for 7 or more years is associated with an increased risk of osteoporosis-related fractures, according to the results of a large observational study based on administrative claims data. The authors also found an association between hip fractures and 5 years or more of exposure to these drugs. See **Research**, page 319

In a related commentary, Richards and Goltzman say that, when balancing the risks and benefits of proton pump inhibitors, physicians and patients should take into account the mounting evidence suggesting that these drugs increase the risk of fractures. See **Commentary**, page 306

Anemia of chronic disease

Zarychanski and Houston mount a powerful argument stating that anemia of chronic disease is not an adverse consequence of systemic illness, but rather a beneficial and adaptive response to the underlying disease. See **Analysis**, page 333

Pulmonary lymphangitic carcinomatosis

A 31-year-old woman presented with a nonproductive cough and breathlessness, which she experienced intermittently for 1 month. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease was the initial diagnosis, but it was later determined that she had pulmonary lymphangitic carcinomatosis and colon cancer. See **Practice**, page 338

Allergic contact dermatitis

An image of a pruritic vesicobullous eruption on the neck due to an ebony pendant in a 37-year-old woman is featured in **Practice**. See **Practice**, page 341



An eruption resembling the shape of an ebony pendant developed on the neck and chest of a 37-year-old woman during patch testing.

Slow jerks

A video image shows delayed relaxation of the bicep tendon reflex in a patient with hypothyroidism. See **Clinical images**, page 387

Malpractice lawsuits

Malpractice lawsuits can be one of the worst experiences of a doctor's professional life. Is there a better way for patients who suffer harm to be compensated? Different countries have found different answers. See **News**, page 309



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Pets in hospitals

It is okay for some pets to visit patients in hospital, but new guidelines spell out the conditions and restrictions. See **News**, page 317