

Delirium after elective surgery

The use of statins is associated with an increased risk of post-operative delirium in elderly patients, find Redelmeier and colleagues in their retrospective cohort analysis involving more than 280 000 elderly patients who underwent elective surgery. **See Research, page 645**

In a related commentary, Marcantonio says that it is premature to recommend stopping statin therapy in this patient population and that more research is needed before we change practice. **See Commentary, page 627**



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African Nova Scotians

Kisely and colleagues report that a community of African Nova Scotians had higher morbidity levels of diabetes mellitus, circulatory disease and psychiatric disorders compared with white communities in the province. **See Research, page 653**

A 3-generation family history can serve as a simple, useful tool to identify patients at increased risk of common diseases, say Bonham and Ramos. Such tools provide better information for individualized care than the patient's racial or ethnic background. **See Commentary, page 629**

Diagnosing angina pectoris

Zaman and colleagues report that women and South Asian men and women with typical pain were more likely than those with atypical pain to receive a diagnosis of angina pectoris and to have worse clinical outcomes. Differences in the description of symptoms did not account for the lower rates of coronary angiography and revascularization among women and South Asian patients. **See Research, page 659**

What is the "event-based" number needed to treat?

Aaron and Fergusson report that this statistic may be misleading because it is heavily influenced by a minority of patients who have multiple recurrent events. **See Analysis, page 669**

Cobblestone-like skin

A 70-year-old man presents with obesity, hypertension, congestive heart failure, fever and pain in his shins. What is your call? **See Practice, page 673**

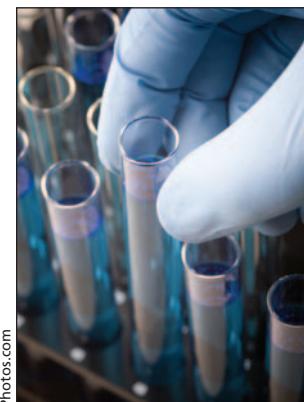
Granulocytic sarcoma

A biopsy of a painful mass confirms the diagnosis of granulocytic sarcoma in an 89-year-old woman with refractory anemia. **See Clinical images, page 727**



Oversight of clinical trials

A number of recent mishaps in clinical trials of new drugs has prompted the United States and Great Britain to move quickly to reform their oversight capacity. Canada, by contrast, has been in "consultation mode" for nearly 2 years. **See News, page 635**



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