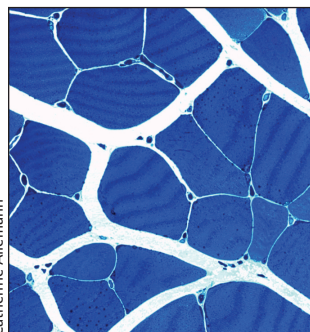


## CMAJ's policy on competing interests

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## Myopathy, statins and normal creatine phosphokinase



Structural muscle damage may be present in patients with statin-associated myopathy even if the levels of serum creatine phosphokinase are normal. Increased expression of ryanodine receptor 3 may indicate muscle damage in some of these patients, find Draeger and colleagues. See **Research, page E11**

## Electronic tracking system hits target of diabetes care

An individualized, web-based decision-support system shared by 253 patients with diabetes and their primary care providers improved the processes of care of diabetes and some risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Holbrook and colleagues successfully implemented their system in the community and interfaced it with 5 different types of electronic health records. See **Research, page 37**

Electronic decision-support systems need to be patient centred, with common standards of data exchange, to facilitate clinical management of complex diseases, say Grant and Middleton. See **Commentary, page 17**

## Costs of cardiovascular drugs

Costs of cardiovascular drugs have escalated during the past decade and may reach unsustainable levels, say Jackevicius and colleagues. They also note differences in provincial spending, with eastern Canada having the highest costs. See **Research, page E19**



The higher costs of cardiovascular medications might indicate a health benefit that would be worth the increases in spending, says Califf. Using electronic health records may be one way of reducing these costs, he adds. See **Commentary, page 15**

## Oseltamivir recommended during pregnancy

Pregnant women are at high risk of complications related to influenza. The currently used seasonal influenza vaccine does not protect against novel influenza A (H1N1). Oseltamivir can be recommended for the treatment of H1N1 in pregnant women, say Tanaka and colleagues, because there is more data about its safety during pregnancy than about the safety of other neuraminidase inhibitors. See **Practice, page 55**



## Bisoprolol flares psoriasis

Bisoprolol led to exacerbation of psoriasis and life-threatening shock in a patient recovering from routine cardiac bypass surgery. See **Clinical images, page 60**

## Perils of poultry

Off-label use of cephalosporins by poultry farmers is triggering human resistance to the entire class of drugs. See **News, page 21**

## Reusing syringes

Dirty syringes remain a major health problem globally, according to the World Health Organization. More than 300 000 lives are lost annually in India from the use of unclean syringes, WHO adds. See **News, page 26**

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