Ethical Considerations of Hydroxychloroquine During the COVID-19 Pandemic
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When dealing with a drug shortage, how does a pharmacist ethically allocate a medication that is in short supply in order to provide for all patients of the pharmacy? [Read more]

Evidence-based Appraisal of the RECOVERY Trial
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Patient Population: Hospitalized patients from multiple centers in the United Kingdom with clinically suspected or laboratory confirmed Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), infection and no medical history that may put the patient at substantial risk while participating in the trial. Pregnant or breast-feeding women were eligible.
Intervention: Oral or intravenous dexamethasone 6mg daily for up to 10 days or until hospital discharge plus usual care. (N=2,104)
Outcome: Primary outcome was all-cause mortality within 28 days. Secondary outcomes were time to discharge from hospital, and for patients not receiving invasive mechanical ventilation at the time of randomization, subsequent receipt of invasive mechanical ventilation.
Effect of the Advanced Practice Pharmacist License on Pharmacists’ Scope of Practice in California

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In a web-based cross-sectional survey, participants answered 30 multiple-choice questions. These questions assessed the impact of the APh license on pharmacists’ ability to practice APh-authorized responsibilities. Other questions assessed respondents’ practice background and opinions on the APh license. Advanced Practice Pharmacists (APP) were categorized as benefiting with respect to a specific responsibility if they were able to perform that responsibility only after licensure.

Treatment Recommendations for the Management of Osteoarthritis

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OA is the most common form of arthritis. It results from the degradation of the joint through overuse or injury. It is estimated that 30.8 million adults in the United States suffer from OA. Treatment options of OA come in both non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic forms, with varying levels of efficacy for each option depending on the joint it is intended to be used for. In 2019, the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) updated the guidelines for the management of osteoarthritis of the knee, hip, and hand. The guidelines have been updated to state that acetaminophen is no longer the first line option for OA. In addition, supplements like glucosamine and chondroitin are also no longer favored for use in the management of OA. This clinical capsule aims to describe the guidelines for OA as outlined by the ACR so that pharmacists in any type of setting, but especially in the community, can recommend appropriate therapy and counsel patients accordingly.

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