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# **Aspirin and Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Events**

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To assess whether daily low-dose aspirin reduces the incidence of cardiovascular events in patients aged 60 years and older with hypertension, dyslipidemia, or diabetes, Ikeda and colleagues randomly assigned 14 464 Japanese patients to receive either low-dose aspirin (100 mg/d) or no aspirin. The authors report that aspirin did not reduce the risk of a composite outcome of cardiovascular death, nonfatal stroke, and nonfatal myocardial infarction during a median 5-year follow-up. In an Editorial, Gaziano and Greenland discuss when aspirin should be used for prevention of cardiovascular events.

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He and colleagues compared the efficacy of entecavir vs lamivudine to prevent hepatitis B virus (HBV) reactivation in 121 patients seropositive for the hepatitis B surface antigen while receiving a rituximab-containing chemotherapy regimen for diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. The authors found that patients randomly assigned to receive entecavir had a lower incidence of HBV-related hepatitis and HBV reactivation. In an Editorial, Abramson and Chung discuss optimal prophylaxis against HBV reactivation for patients receiving rituximab-based chemotherapy.

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# Diagnosis and Management of Mild Cognitive Impairment

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Langa and Levine review the evidence relating to the diagnosis and treatment of mild cognitive impairment (MCI)—the symptomatic predementia stage of cognitive decline. The authors discuss tests of cognitive function, assessment of functional status, medication review, and recommended laboratory testing. In the absence of effective drug therapy to treat MCI, optimizing patients' general medical and functional status is advised, including control of cardiovascular risk factors and advice to engage in physical and mental activities.

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A patient from Kentucky, whose job involved lawn mowing, presented with a 1-month history of nasal pain and swelling. On physical examination his nose was red and swollen; small pustules were present and the septum was perforated. A computed tomography scan of the chest revealed multiple bilateral nodular opacities in the lungs. What would you do next?

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