

Faculty Panel: Medical Literature Review II

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Support Materials

For this session the support material is located in your syllabus.

Those joining via webcast can download materials at <https://www.cmemeeting.org/cme-conferences/2024-10-06-sd/handouts>



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Learning Objectives

- Properly employ clinician gestalt, lactate levels and BC's in patients presenting with symptoms suggestive of an underlying infection and/or sepsis
- Understand the role of CT-Angiography of the head and neck in patients with suspicious neurologic complaints
- Identify children with fractures that may be the victims of abuse
- Discuss the pros/cons of providing patients with topical anesthetics at discharge for simple acute corneal abrasions
- Recognize the potential strain on patients and the health care system will endure with increasing heat emergencies

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Article #11 – Dr. Higgins

Article #11: Early Physician Gestalt versus Usual Screening Tools for the prediction of Sepsis in Critically Ill Emergency Patients.

- Knack SKS, et al. Ann Emerg Med 2024 Sep;84(3):246-258

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Article #12 – Dr. Bloch

Article #12: Prevalence and clinical significance of a point of care elevated lactate at emergency admission in older patients: a prospective study.

Gosselin M, et al. [Intern Emerg Med](#). 2022; 17(6): 1803–1812.

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Article #13 – Dr. Rose

Article #13: Blood Culture Utilization in the Hospital Setting: A Call for Diagnostic Stewardship

Fabre V, et al. J Clin Micro 2022: e01005-21





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Article #13 – Dr. Rose

Disruptions in Availability of Becton Dickinson (BD) BACTEC™ Blood Culture Bottles



July 23, 2024

 Do Not Order blood cultures	 One blood culture set only (two bottles)	 Two blood culture sets (four bottles)
Indications for Blood Culture		
Isolated fever or leukocytosis in a stable patient without neutropenia	All other patients, including neonates/pediatric patients	Patients with severe sepsis / septic shock
Repeat cultures within 72 hours unless patient clinically unstable	Patients with UTI, pneumonia, or cellulitis at risk for severe sepsis	*Suspicion of endocarditis or endovascular infection or catheter-related bloodstream infection
Pneumonia or non-severe cellulitis in immunocompetent patient	Patients progressing despite antibiotics or supportive care	Initial presentation of patients with neutropenic fever
Lower UTI, cystitis or prostatitis		**Clearance of bacteremia for select, specific situations – see below
Postop. fever within 48hrs of surgery		Necrotizing skin/soft tissue infection
Blood cultures without order placed (e.g. "holds")		Meningitis 

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Article #14 – Dr. Dachs

Article #14: Trends in non-focal neurologic chief complaints and CT angiography utilization among adults in the emergency department.

Rigney GH, et al. Intern and Emerg Med published online, March 21, 2024.

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Article #15a, b – Dr. Russell

Article #15a: Brain cancer after radiation exposure from CT examinations of children and young adults: results from the EPI-CT cohort study.

Hauptmann M, et al. Lancet Oncol 2023; 24: 45-53.

Article # 15b: Risk of hematological malignancies from CT radiation exposure in children, adolescents and young adults.

Gomez MBdB, et al. Nature Medicine, published online Nov 9, 2023.

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Article #16 – Dr. Rose

Article #16: Identifying Maltreatment in Infants and Young Children presenting with fractures: Does age matter?

Mitchell AC, et al. Acad Emerg Med 2021; 28:5-18.

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Article #17 – Dr. Higgins

Article #17: Treatment of post-tonsillectomy hemorrhage with nebulized tranexamic acid: A retrospective study.

Shin TJ, et al. Int J Ped Otorhinolaryngology 2023; 171: 111644



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Article #18 – Dr. Bloch

Article #18: Relationship of Beta-Human Chorionic Gonadotropin to Ectopic Pregnancy Detection and Size.

Eisaman DM, et al. West J Emerg Med 2024; 25: 431-5.

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Article #19a,b – Dr. Russell Clinical Controversy #2

Article #19a: Use of topical anesthetics in the management of patients with simple corneal abrasions: Consensus guidelines from the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Green SM, et al. Ann Emerg Med May 2024; 83: 477-89.

Article #19b: Topical anesthetics for analgesia in acute corneal abrasion: Eye Care Providers Survey.

Anderson-Quinines C, et al. Eye and Contac Lens, 2023; 49: 143-6.

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Article #20a, b, c – Dr. Dachs

Article #20a: Projected Change in the burden of Excess cardiovascular death associated with extreme Heat by Midcentury (2036 -2065) in the contiguous United States.

Khatana SAM, et al. Circulation 2023; 148: 1559-69.

More than 300 suspected heat-related deaths under investigation in Phoenix area

Almost 100 suspected heat deaths are attributed to a single week, from July 7 to 13, when temperatures reached 118 degrees.

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Article #20a, b, c – Dr. Dachs

Article #20b: How blackouts during heat waves amplify mortality and morbidity risks.

Stone B, et al. Environ Sci Technol 2023; 57: 8245-55.

U.S. NEWS

Houston hospitals report spike in heat-related illness during widespread storm power outages

Hurricane Beryl, July 2024

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Article #20a, b, c – Dr. Dachs

Article # 20c: An interrupted time series analysis of the cardiovascular health benefits of a coal coking operation closure.

Yu W, et al. Environ Res Health 2023: 045002