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Ablation benefits patients with paroxysmal, persistent and chronic AF

Observational studies show that ablation helps to eliminate atrial fibrillation, reduce its frequency, and improve quality of life for patients with AF and underlying dilated cardiomyopathies. AF's prevalence continues to increase despite progress in the treatment of contributing factors. [Read more.](#)

Timing and types of fractures indicate underlying bone disease

Most of the children who sustain a fracture by age 18 do not have an underlying metabolic bone disorder. Multiple fractures, unexplained fractures, atypical fractures, low-trauma fractures and a family history of metabolic bone disease should prompt further investigation. [Read more.](#)

Program helps public schools deal effectively with children's asthma

An online-accessible tool kit helps schools develop action plans that coordinate care for students with chronic asthma among families, health providers and school staff. Chronic asthma affects the ability to exercise and participate in activities and impacts school attendance and performance. [Read more.](#)

Research

Pipeline embolization device provides an alternative treatment for intracranial aneurysms

In a FDA-approved treatment for large cerebral aneurysms, a device placed across the aneurysm neck diverts blood flow back to the normal vessel and eventually leads to occlusion of the aneurysm. This approach also reduces the chance of rupture. [View video.](#)

Guided end-of-life discussions help patients with severe heart failure

A study of patients dependent on LVAD for long-term survival shows that careful discussions about patients' end-of-life preferences bring relief to families and ease subsequent medical care. The study provides guidelines for clinicians about how to address end-of-life decision making. [Read more.](#)

Screening increases testing for genetic disorder linked to colon cancer

Mayo researchers send biopsies of colorectal cancers in patients under 50 for microsatellite instability testing. Patients with high MSI are offered additional testing for Lynch syndrome. At least 80 percent of people with Lynch syndrome develop colorectal cancer. [Read more.](#)

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New [Grand Rounds presentations](#) are available online.

Education

Controversies in Women's Health

July 14-16, 2011

Experts in obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, oncology, endocrinology, general internal medicine, and psychiatry discuss new diagnostic tests and therapies for menopausal and hormone therapy concerns, cardiovascular disease, pelvic floor dysfunction, irritable bowel syndrome, infertility, sexual dysfunction, osteoporosis, and other common women's health issues.

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Pulmonary Hypertension Update 2011

Aug. 27, 2011

One-day update on evaluation, treatment and management of pulmonary arterial hypertension discusses the application of evidence-based diagnostic guidelines, the role of lung transplantation in pulmonary hypertension management and advances in cardiac imaging. The Pulmonary Hypertension Association cosponsors the event.

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