



Editors

Geoff Hughes (Australia)
Kevin Mackway-Jones (UK)

Deputy Editors

Steve Goodacre (Acute Medicine) (UK)
Darren Walter (Prehospital Care) (UK)
Ian Maconochie (Paediatric Emergency Medicine) (UK)
Jonathan Wyatt (Web editor) (UK)

Associate Editors

Simon Carley (Evidence-based Medicine) (UK)
Malcolm Woollard (Prehospital Care) (UK)

Editorial Office

BMJ Publishing Group Ltd, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR, UK
T: +44 (0)20 7383 6394
F: +44 (0)20 7383 6668
E: emjeditorial@bmjgroup.com

ISSN: 1472-0205 (print)
ISSN: 1472-0213 (online)

Impact factor: 1.477

Disclaimer: Emergency Medicine Journal is owned and published by the British Association for Emergency Medicine and BMJ Publishing Group Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Medical Association. The owners grant editorial freedom to the Editor of Emergency Medicine Journal.

Emergency Medicine Journal follows guidelines on editorial independence produced by the World Association of Medical Editors and the code on good publication practice of the Committee on Publication Ethics.

Emergency Medicine Journal is intended for medical professionals and is provided without warranty, express or implied. Statements in the journal are the responsibility of their authors and advertisers and not authors' institutions, the BMJ Publishing Group Ltd or the BMA unless otherwise specified or determined by law. Acceptance of advertising does not imply endorsement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the BMJ Publishing Group Ltd shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from the use of Emergency Medicine Journal or any information in it whether based on contract, tort or otherwise. Readers are advised to verify any information they choose to rely on.

Copyright: © 2010 BMJ Publishing Group Ltd and the College of Emergency Medicine. All rights reserved; no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without the prior permission of Emergency Medicine Journal.

Emergency Medicine Journal is published by BMJ Publishing Group Ltd, typeset by TNQ Books & Journals, Chennai, India and printed in the UK on acid-free paper by Latimer Trend, Plymouth.

Emergency Medicine Journal (ISSN No1472-0205) is published monthly by BMJ Publishing Group and is distributed in the USA by Mercury International Ltd. Periodicals postage paid at Rahway, NJ. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Emergency Medicine Journal, Mercury International Ltd, 365 Blair Road, Avenel, NJ, 07001, USA.

Primary survey

893 S Carley

Editorial

894 A statute of liberty
G Hughes

Commentary

895 Clinical decision rules for acute coronary syndromes: the specifics
R Body

Review

896 Clinical value of diagnostic instruments for ruling out acute coronary syndrome in patients with chest pain: a systematic review
J Steurer, U Held, D Schmid, J Ruckstuhl, L M Bachmann

Original articles

904 Oxygen saturation is not clinically useful in the exclusion of bacterial pneumonia in febrile infants
L V Simon, K L Carstairs, J M Reardon, S L Rudinsky, R H Riffenburgh, D A Tanen

907 Awareness and attitudes of Chinese students towards cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Z-Q Chen, Y Zhao, Z-H Lu, X-Y Li, H-J Shi, J Sun, R Patrick

911 Formal medicine reconciliation within the emergency department reduces the medication error rates for emergency admissions
P R Mills, A C McGuffie

916 Emergency medicine provider efficiency: the learning curve, equilibration and point of diminishing returns
R B Vukmir, R N Howell

921 The impact of the 4 h target on patient care and outcomes in the Emergency Department: an analysis of hospital incidence data
J V Freeman, S Croft, S Cross, C Yap, S Mason

928 Efficacy and safety of naloxone in the management of postseizure complaints of tramadol intoxicated patients: a self-controlled study
H Saidi, M Ghadiri, S Abbasi, S-F Ahmadi

931 What happens at triage: a naturalistic observational study
J Clifford-Brown, K Challen, B Ryan

934 Drivers of acute coagulopathy after severe trauma: a multivariate analysis of 1987 patients
A Wafaisade, S Wutzler, R Lefering, T Tjardes, M Banerjee, T Paffrath, B Bouillon, M Maegele, Trauma Registry of DGU

Prehospital care

940 Prehospital amputation
K M Porter

943 Does the pandemic medical early warning score system correlate with disposition decisions made at patient contact by emergency care practitioners?
J T Gray, K Challen, L Oughton

948 Therapeutic hypothermia following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; does it start in the emergency department?
R Galloway, P B Sherren

Short report

950 An iatrogenic burn from the use of a topical haemostatic agent
M A A Khan, R Jose, C Taylor, H Malick, W Jaffe

Best evidence topic reports

K Mackway-Jones

952 Optimal body position in oral poisoning cases
E D Buck, S Van de Velde

953 Pelvic splints for all types of suspected pelvic fractures
N Evans, S C J Smith

953 Binaxnow malaria rapid diagnostic test in returning travellers
N Kuhl, J Jones

954 Positioning of compartment pressure monitors in lower limb fractures
N Al-Hadihy, S Al-Nammari

MORE CONTENTS ►



This article has been chosen by the Editor to be of special interest or importance and is freely available online.



Articles carrying the Unlocked Logo are freely available online under the BMJ Journals unlocked scheme. See http://emj.bmj.com/info/unlocked.dtl



This journal is a member of and subscribes to the principles of the Committee on Publication Ethics

www.publicationethics.org.uk



When you have finished with this magazine please recycle it.

Emergency casebooks

956 Acute cerebellar ataxia in childhood: initial approach in the emergency department
A A Salas, A Nava

958 Hypothermic cardiac arrest rescued with cardiopulmonary bypass and decompressive laparotomy
S G Talbot, M J Davidson, S Javid, A N Patel, D FitzGerald, V Patel

PostScript

960 Book review

960 Letters

Miscellanea

903 Emergency Medicine Questions (EMQs)

966 EMQ answers

967 Sophia

Images in emergency medicine

962 Back and leg pain due to a spinal synovial cyst
A Vasireddy, A Fogg

963 A dose of tropical medicine
U Nanda, K Musharrat

964 Acute abdominal pain in systemic lupus erythematosus
Y-C Wu, H-L Kuo, C-H Kao, T-C Hsieh, K-Y Yen, C-H Wang, Y-Y Lin, S-S Sun

965 Limb loss following intra-arterial drug abuse
A N Keeling, R E Bell, T Sabharwal