
Selected news items and updates for the practicing clinician

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- Check out information on the newly approved oral pulmonary arterial hypertension drug, **selexipag** (Up-travi). Also, check out the potential **costs** (more than \$150k yearly).
- Advair and Spiriva are numbers 5 and 6 on the list of drugs that CMS spends the most money on annually. **How much does CMS spend?** Here's a hint: if you won the largest Powerball lottery in history you still couldn't afford to cover the costs of either one.
- Here's a **FREE app** developed by the American College of Emergency Physicians designed to provide information and guidance on treating patients suffering from overdoses and poisonings. It's also available for android devices.
- The World Health Organization has declared the **Ebola outbreak** over in West Africa.
- Even though the current shingles vaccine is **underutilized**, pharma is working towards a **newer vaccine** that lasts much longer.

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