
Selected news items and updates for the practicing clinician

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- After a recent **JAMA meta-analysis** regarding the use of hydroxyethyl starch solutions in patients with shock, **the FDA is recommending** that the volume expander solutions carry a boxed warning for increased risk of kidney injury and death. See a review story **here**.
- The **FDA has expanded the role** of the antibiotic telavancin to include nosocomial pneumonia due to S aureus. It was already approved in 2009 for complicated skin & soft tissue infections. Here is **a brief review of the drug**.
- **Some are calling for the practice of isolating patients colonized with MRSA to stop**. This after **a study in the NEJM** was published showing that daily universal decolonization bathing with chlorhexidine washes was much more effective than active detection/isolation techniques.
- The **latest on Sarah Murnaghan**, the 10-year-old girl suffering from cystic fibrosis who won a court case allowing her to be placed on the adult lung transplant list.
- I recently viewed a board review DVD that had the expert teacher state their belief that smoking cessation attempts were worthless. Well, a recent Cochrane review seems to say otherwise. Here's the **story** and **review**.

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