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Australian Family Physician, the flagship journal of The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), features a range of clinical, viewpoint and research articles focusing on key issues in general practice today. The July 2010 edition includes the following feature articles:

Pulmonary embolism

Simon McRae

Pulmonary embolism remains a common and potentially preventable cause of death. This article reviews the clinical features, diagnostic process and treatment.

Deep vein thrombosis – risks and diagnosis

Wai Khoon Ho

Venous thromboembolism is common in Australia and is associated with high morbidity. This article discusses the risk factors and diagnosis of DVT.

Warfarin – indications, risks and drug interactions

Rami Tadros, Sepehr Shakib

Warfarin is a commonly used medication for the prevention and treatment of venous thromboembolism. It can be challenging for both the patient and the prescriber to manage.

Clot prevention – common questions about medications

Rami Tadros, Sepehr Shakib

Warfarin is commonly used in a number of clinical settings. Given the difficulties in managing patients taking warfarin, several questions are usually raised by clinicians in relation to its use. This article addresses some of these common questions.

Leptospirosis

Andrew Slack

Leptospirosis is one of the many diseases responsible for undifferentiated febrile illness, especially in the tropical regions or in the returned traveller. This article provides clinicians with a concise review of the epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical features, diagnosis, management and prevention of leptospirosis.

Barriers to diagnosing and managing hypertension - a qualitative study in Australian general practice

Faline Howes, Emily Hansen, Danielle Williams, Mark Nelson

Hypertension still remains underdiagnosed, untreated or suboptimally treated. This study aimed to identify and explore barriers to initiating medication and treating elevated BP to target levels in the general practice setting.

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