ACP Journal Club sharpens the focus on studies of interest to internists

Quantitatively oriented readers will note the loss in this issue of some of the usual content for ACPJC; we’ve slimmed down to 25 abstracts and commentaries. Those with longer memories and more ACPJC experience will realize that this is how we began; the increase in content was effected in January 2000. The additional items per issue came from Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM), which covers general and family practice, as well as internal medicine and major nonmedical specialties, including pediatrics, surgery, psychiatry, obstetrics, and gynecology.

No one applauded the additional content as far as we are aware, and a few readers questioned its inclusion. From this issue onward, ACPJC will tighten its focus on adult internal medicine and its major subspecialties, including allergy, cardiology, emergency and critical care, endocrinology, gastroenterology, geriatrics, hematology, immunology, infectious disease, nephrology, neurology, respirology, rheumatology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation. As always, studies that meet our criteria for which we lack space for abstracts will be featured in our “Other Articles Noted” section.

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