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A diagnostic triad characterizes Brugada syndrome. It consists of a right bundle branch block, ST-segment elevation in leads V1-V3 and sudden cardiac death (SCD). When considering the diagnosis of Brugada syndrome, rule out secondary causes of ST-segment elevation. Treatment with an implantable cardiac-defibrillator (ICD) is the only established, and effective treatment for the disease. Supporting data for long-term therapy with quinidine, or isoproterenol for prevention of SCD, in these patients, is incomplete. Future advances in understanding the molecular mechanisms of Brugada syndrome may provide answers to many of the controversial issues in the management of this disease.

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3-Nitropropionic acid (3-NP) is a mitochondrial toxin which inhibits cellular energy generation. In this study, the neuroprotective effect of α-phenyl-tert-butyl-nitrone (PBN), a free radical scavenger, was evaluated in 3-NP treated mice. However, it was found that PBN accentuated 3-NP-induced motor dysfunction in association with necrosis of striatal cells and enhanced expressions of glial fibrillary acidic protein and cyclooxygenase-2. These paradoxical results may have been due to impairment by PBN of metabolic clearance by 3-NP.

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Complications after a sub-Tenon injection of triamcinolone acetonide for uveitis control in this study included ocular penetration (1.6%), rapidly progressive cataracts (13.3%), ocular hypertension (76.9%), and glaucoma (23.1%). Careful pretreatment evaluation and post-treatment monitoring of intraocular pressure are mandatory for patients with uveitis treated with a sub-Tenon injection of triamcinolone acetonide.

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Pierre Robin sequence has the triad of glossoptosis, micrognathia, with or without cleft of palate. Airway obstruction can be life threatening during the neonatal period and can occur at anytime right after birth. The treatment protocol for PRS usually starts with conservative treatment. When surgical treatment is indicated, a thorough preoperative airway evaluation to rule out other associated airway problems and concurrent neurological diseases is of paramount importance. Tongue-lip adhesion is an easy surgical procedure without major complications, it should be first considered when surgical relief of airway obstruction is indicated.
Midpalmar Accurate Incision for Carpal Tunnel Release
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Carpal tunnel syndrome is the most common entrapment neuropathy in human today. Among the various surgical techniques currently in use, endoscopic techniques are becoming increasingly popular. Based on our experiences, midpalmar accurate incision for carpal tunnel release can be a simple, as effective and less equipment-demanding alternative.

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One-lung ventilation is a commonly used technique to facilitate surgical visualization during thoracic surgical procedures. Functional separation of the lungs may be accomplished by several methods. The Arndt wire-guided endobronchial blocker system offers a new tool to achieve 1-lung ventilation in pediatric populations. It allows the clinician to achieve 1-lung ventilation using a conventional endotracheal tube.

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A rare case of right median nerve lipofibromatous hamartoma was treated with the release of the carpal tunnel and microsurgical intraneural dissection to preserve the thenar motor branch, followed by segmental excision of the residual sensory component with sural nerve grafting. Three years postoperatively, the patient did not notice the minor motor deficit subjectively, however, the patient did experience numbness of fingertips after surgery.

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