The appearance of these brilliant flowers on naked trees welcomes spring to the city of San Francisco. "point-and-shoot" Sony DSC-W90. roaming the San Francisco Botanical Garden with environmental change. In her spare time, she enjoys medicine, and innovative health care

BOOK REVIEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Permanente Journal

Portland, Oregon 97212

www.thelpermanentejournal.org

ISBN 1-552-5767

Finding Balance in a Medical Life: A guided program to help you reclaim a sense of balance in your busy life in medicine

Liev Lisbonne, MD

ISBN-10: 0787952234


Paperback: 266 pages

$30.00

Gynecologic Oncology: Evidence-Based Perioperative Care, 2nd edition

Steven A. Yaeger, Scott E. Lenz, Allison E Axtell

ISBN-10: 0470038309


Hardcover: 572 pages $149.95

The Kaiser Permanente Implant Registry: Effect on Patient Safety, Quality Improvement, Cost Reduction, and Research Opportunities

Richard W. Peeters, MD, Maria CG Inui, MD, Mary-Lou Kiley, MBA

The purpose of this article is to describe the Kaiser Permanente implant registry, which leverages the integrated health care system's administrative databases and electronic health records system. Data collection, quality control and validation, and statistical analysis for the registry are described. Areas discussed include: patient safety, enhancement success and assistance during major recalls, identification of risk factors, risk calculator development, infection and adverse event surveillance, and research studies conducted using registry data.

ACE Study: The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study: Background, Findings, and Paradigm Shift

Executive Producer: Dr. David L. Corwin

Robert F Anda, MD, MS; Vincent J Felitti, MD; Frank W Putnam, MD

ISBN-10: 978-0-852446-06


Shakopee, MN: Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA), 2012

DVD $45.00 through 2012; $65.00 thereafter

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Office of Continuing Medical Education and The Permanente Journal present

August 5-11, 2012

at the historic Mabel Dodge Luhan House in Taos, New Mexico

www.taoswritingretreat.com

Register early—conference is limited to 15 attendees. For more information about registration, call Lori Montoya at 505-272-3942 or e-mail lemontoya@salud.unm.edu.
CLINICAL MEDICINE
57 ECG Diagnostic: Hypokalemia.
Joel T Levis, MD, PhD, FACEP, FFAEM
The earliest electrocardiogram change is a decrease in the T-wave amplitude. As potassium levels decline further, ST-segment depression and T-wave inversions are seen. The U wave is described as a positive deflection after the T wave, often best seen in the mid-precordial leads (eg, V2 and V3). When the U wave exceeds the T-wave amplitude, the serum potassium level is < 3 mEq/L.

58 Image Diagnosis: Abdominal Wall Hematoma. Jasmine K Dhaliwal, MD; Gus M Carmel, MD, FACEP, FFAEM
Abdominal wall hematoma is uncommon, but may be a life-threatening condition. Risk factors include older age, female sex, systemic anticoagulation, abdominal wall trauma, pregnancy, and impaired renal function. Clinical manifestations include abdominal pain, abdominal wall ecchymosis, drop in hematocrit, and a positive Carnett’s sign indicating the abdominal wall and not the abdominal cavity as the source of pain.

COMMENTARY
60 The Familiar Foundation and the Fuller Sense: Ethics Consultation and Narrative. Craig Nelson, PhD, CLS
The intention of this essay is to examine “ethical expertise” and the idea of clinical ethics “consulting.” The author’s position champions the use of two tools: “familiar foundation” and “fuller sense.” The “familiar foundation” represents a body of knowledge. Through a deep analysis of patient narrative found in the “fuller sense,” the ethicist sharpens focus and achieves a richer understanding of the patient’s situation in life. In using both tools, patients and families are better served.

65 A Retirement and A Reservation: A Retrospective Autobiography. Sok K Lee, MD, MA
For 37 years, the author was a healing professional, a breadwinner, and a working spouse. After retirement, he felt like a jobless loner, an inactive pensioner, and a homebound spouse. In this retrospective autobiography, he suggests professional, financial, social, and familial points to help younger colleagues better their upcoming retirement. To overcome Erikson’s identity crisis, he volunteered to be a (wounded) healer at Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

67 The Health Care Professional as a Modern Abolitionist. Michael G O’Callaghan, DDS
Health care professionals are in a unique position to identify and to assist victims of human trafficking, which today occurs both domestically and globally. It manifests in many forms, including adult and child forced labor, involuntary domestic servitude, adult and child sexual slavery, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, and child soldiers. This article offers insight into modern human trafficking and ways health care professionals can be activists.

EDITORIAL
73 Medical Education—the Challenge of Distinguishing Actual Costs versus Charges (Tuition). William L Tofler, MD
The author of this editorial writes that Scheffler et al (page 10) use a creative “back door” approach to assess whether or not tuition covers medical school costs. It may provide insight into the true cost, if, and only if, two basic underlying assumptions are correct: 1) the funding coming from these sources does correlate with true costs, and 2) the estimated percentage actually allocated to education is correct. In conclusion, like all good research, the authors’ published work raises more questions than have been answered.