

**FROM THE JOURNALS****Syed Ahsan MD**

I have recently come across the following articles that should be of interest to Hospitalists:

**House Staff Member Awareness of Older Inpatients' Risks for Hazards of Hospitalization**

Fernandez, HM et al., Arch Intern Med, 2008, Feb 25; 168(4):390-396

This study showed that Internal Medicine house staff members are not aware of many of their patients' risk factors that contribute to the hazards of hospitalization.

**Outcomes of Care by Hospitalists, General Internists and Family Physicians**

Lindenauer, PK et al., NEJM, 2007, Dec 20; 357(25): 2589-2600; Center for Quality & Safety Research, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA 01199

For common inpatient diagnoses, the hospitalist model is associated with a small reduction in the length of stay without adverse effect on rates of death or readmission.

**Promoting Effective Transitions of Care at Hospital Discharge: A Review of Key Issues for Hospitalists**

Kripalani, S et al., J Hosp Med, 2007, Sep; 2(5): 314-323

This article reviews several important challenges to providing high quality care upon discharge.

**Acute Heart Failure Syndromes in Patients with Coronary Artery Disease: Early Assessment and Treatment**

Flaherty, JD et al., Acute Heart Failure Syndromes International Working Group, J Am Coll Cardiol 2009, Jan 20; 53(3): 254-263

The initial in-hospital and after-discharge management of AHFS may be dependent on clinical presentation.

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**ID CORNER****William Salzer MD****Candidiasis Guidelines**

The IDSA has updated their practice guidelines for Candida infections; this includes candidemia, other invasive forms and superficial infections.

Pappas, PG et al., Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Candidiasis: 2009 Update by the Infectious Disease Society of America, Clin Infect Dis 2009; 48:503-535

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