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mentioned before. She refuses barium enema.
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44-year-old man has been seeing a chiropractor for neck pain. Then had motor vehicle accident and neck got worse. Dr. X at suggestion of his lawyer. Dr. X never saw him before and didn't want to see him now. He will go ahead and see him like this.

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44-year-old male motor vehicle accident, neck pain. Orthopedist found nothing. What to do in a situation like this?

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No

Should I charge her child for office visit? Not scheduled, just brought her in.

Should a patient who was seen without an appointment be charged for the office visit?

1996

Specific Patient

Adult

Female

Office Visit

Chest Pain

atypical chest pain

Administrative Purposes

Management

Economics, Medical

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Rectal cancer, status post surgery. Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) approximately 60 a year ago. When to do another test?

What are the indications for CEA levels following surgery for colorectal cancer and at what intervals should they be tested?

1997

Specific Patient

Aged

Female

Office Visit

Dizziness

dizzy, diabetes, rectal cancer, peripheral neuropathy, irregular heart, ordered carotid doppler

To Deliver Healthcare

Management

Diagnosis

Test

Neoplasms

Rectal Neoplasms

Carcinoembryonic Antigen

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general surgery

adult oncology

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When (timing, not indications) should I do test x? OR When (timing, not indications) should I do test x to monitor condition y? OR When (timing, not indications) or how often should you screen for condition y?

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Neoplasms

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do steroids increase appetite that quickly?

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She just double checked this so she would know the amount (in cubic centimeter&apos;s) of the injection.

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Severe cerebral palsy, history of cytomegalovirus years ago. Is it safe for others to care for her?

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How much scoliosis is enough to pull the trigger and refer?

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50-year-old man with Paget's disease. Should I treat medically?

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Obese (360 pound) virginal female in for Papanicolaou smear. Can't get good look at cervix because speculum not the right thing for her? (1) using anesthesia to insert speculum and visualize properly or (2) hope that manual exam when

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360-pound virginal female in for Papanicolaou smear. Can't see cervix. What is the right thing for her?

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No

Why does he have a pleural effusion? 69-year-old man complaining of trouble breathing.

What is the differential diagnosis of a pleural effusion, and how do you distinguish among the possibilities?

1996

Specific Patient

Aged

Male

Office Visit

Dyspnea

trouble breathing, pleural effusion

To Deliver Healthcare

Management

Diagnosis

Respiratory Tract Diseases

Pleural Effusion

Waiting for answer from cardiologist and pulmonologist. He wonders if pleural effusion is secondary to pneumonia.

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The nevus on her toe has doubled in size over the last month. Do I need to treat this or can I just watch it?

No

Nevus on toe, doubled size in 1 month. Do I need to treat or can I watch it?

What are the indications for biopsy of a nevus?

1997

Specific Patient

Infant

Female

Office Visit

Nevus

nevus on toe

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Management

Skin and Connective Tissue Diseases

Nevus

Toes

He placed the call but did not get an answer during the observation period.

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No endocervical cells for 2 years in a row. What should I do?

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How much do you gain from hysteroscopy over fractional dilatation and curettage?

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How should I treat finding/condition y (given situation z)? OR Should I use treatment/procedure x for condition/finding y? OR Does procedure/treatment x work (for condition y)? OR Is treatment/procedure x indicated (for condition y)? OR Does the benefit of treatment/procedure x outweigh the risk? OR What are the options for treatment for condition y? OR What is the goal of treatment of condition y? OR At what level of severity of condition y is treatment indicated?

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History of dysequilibrium and treated for serous otitis three times, December, January, and now (June). Has responded well to treatment. Would like to know if there is a possibility of a neurologic problem (that is, brain tumor, et cetera). Offered neurology consult.

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Dysequilibrium, serous otitis. Is there a neurologic problem (that is, brain tumor)?

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 Patient, plate in hip, no murmur, needs subacute bacterial endocarditis prophylaxis before sees dentist?  
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60-year-old female uses cocoa butter skin cream. Could that be absorbed, increase cholesterol?

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In patients with colds and coughs and hemoptysis, who should be worked up?

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Diabetic with leg ulcer won't let visiting nurse in house to change dressing. What do you do?

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  3-month-old male with chicken pox. Should you treat or not?
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Let's give these immunizations. That's right isn't it?

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Hypertension

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What is the sensitivity of Phalen's test and Tinel's test for carpal tunnel syndrome?

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