

**Question**

**Do you support the idea of blanket screening of all "at-risk" men and women using CT and carotid ultrasound?**

*(See: **Bold new report calls for blanket screening of all "at-risk" men and women using CT and carotid ultrasound**)*

**Results**

Respondents: **219**



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Jun 28, 2006 to Jul 06, 2006

**Overall, do you think the term "metabolic syndrome" is more useful than not?**

*(See: **ADA and AHA release joint statement emphasizing united front, although "unresolved issues" remain**)*

Number of respondents: **177**



Jun 21, 2006 to Jun 29, 2006

**Do you think rimonabant should be approved in the USA?**

*(See: **Rimonabant approved in Europe as a weight-loss drug**)*

Number of respondents: **184**



Jun 20, 2006 to Jun 28, 2006

**Do you think physicians should avoid lowering diastolic pressure to levels below 70 mm Hg in patients with coronary disease?**

*(See: **More evidence in favor of J curve for diastolic blood pressure**)*

Number of respondents: **211**



Jun 13, 2006 to Jun 21, 2006

**Do you think drug-eluting stents are overused in the setting of acute MI?**

(See: Does urgency of AMI setting affect clopidogrel duration after DES implantation?)

Number of respondents: **186**



Jun 07, 2006 to Jun 15, 2006

**Do you think your hospital makes sufficient efforts to revascularize patients in cardiogenic shock?**

(See: Long-term SHOCK results confirm durability of revascularization over stabilization in shock patients)

Number of respondents: **146**



Jun 02, 2006 to Jun 10, 2006

**Do you think the FDA should banish the use of the word "recall"?**

(See: A 'recall' by any other name: FDA urged to change misnomer that scares patients)

Number of respondents: **143**



May 25, 2006 to Jun 02, 2006

**Do you think non-EPs should be allowed to implant ICDs?**

(See: Should non-EPs implant ICDs? Drs James Coman and Eric Prystowsky debate)

Number of respondents: **274**



May 19, 2006 to May 27, 2006

**Do you think drug-eluting stents are used too frequently?**

(See: Palpable chill cools DES hype, but hopes are high for next-generation devices)

Number of respondents: **291**



May 16, 2006 to May 24, 2006

**Do you think an aspirin dose between 75-162 mg/day is sufficient for patients after CABG?**

(See: ACC/AHA update secondary-prevention guidelines)

Number of respondents: **328**



**Predicting Short-Term HF Events**

**with Impedance Cardiography**

**Results from the PREDICT Trial**



 16 % No

May 11, 2006 to May 19, 2006

**Do you think ICDs for MADIT-2 type patients are cost effective?**

(See: MADIT-2 data: ICD cost-effectiveness low at first, much improved later)

Number of respondents: **172**

 46 % No

 53 % Yes

May 03, 2006 to May 11, 2006

**Do you think HRT is beneficial in women who are close to menopause?**

(See: Time to revive the much-maligned HRT?)

Number of respondents: **170**

 38 % Yes

 62 % No

Apr 28, 2006 to May 06, 2006

**Do you recommend exercise to your heart failure patients?**

(See: Exercise can provide additional benefit in HF)

Number of respondents: **222**

 96 % Yes

 4 % No

Apr 24, 2006 to May 02, 2006

**Do you think treating to a target hemoglobin of 11-12 g/dL is safe?**

(See: CHOIR silenced as findings show increased risk of CVD hospitalization/death)

Number of respondents: **126**

 66 % Yes

 34 % No

Apr 19, 2006 to Apr 27, 2006

**Do you think Cardiac MRI will play a significant role in your practice in the future?**

(See: Growing up and finding its place: Cardiac MRI in clinical practice)

Number of respondents: **194**

 71 % Yes

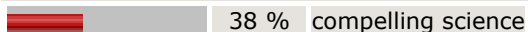
 29 % No

Apr 11, 2006 to Apr 19, 2006

**How would you characterize most clinical trials sponsored by industry?**

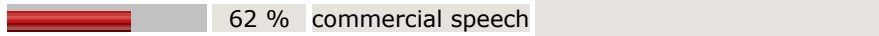
(See: Compelling science or commercial speech?: Provocative commentary questions recent hypertension trials)

Number of respondents: **186**

 38 % compelling science

Convergence of Disease States: Emergence of the ARBs  
**Drs Smith, Hsueh, Messerli,** and Sleight examine the efficacy and safety of the angiotensin receptor blocker (ARBs) class of antihypertensives, and their optimal use in patient care.

CME



Apr 10, 2006 to Apr 18, 2006

**Do you think ACE inhibitors are beneficial in stable angina patients who do not have LV dysfunction or heart failure?**

(See:ACE inhibitors beneficial in stable angina patients with no LV dysfunction)

Number of respondents: **191**

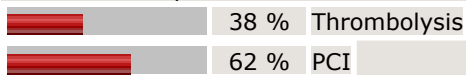


Apr 10, 2006 to Apr 18, 2006

**Which therapy do you think is preferable for acute MI patients with renal failure?**

(See:Thrombolysis, not PCI, may be preferred reperfusion strategy in renal-failure patients)

Number of respondents: **170**



Mar 31, 2006 to Apr 09, 2006

**Do you think prayer is a proper subject for clinical trials?**

(See:Is anybody listening? Power of prayer questioned in the STEP trial)

Number of respondents: **256**



Mar 31, 2006 to Apr 08, 2006

**Do you think that bivalirudin monotherapy is the optimal approach for ACS patients undergoing an early invasive strategy?**

(See:ACUITY/ISAR-REACT 2: Is there a take-home message?)

Number of respondents: **200**



Mar 24, 2006 to Apr 01, 2006

**Do you think you and your patients would benefit from using a practice consultant?**

(See:Forum > Attn cardiologist: are you working for free??)

Number of respondents: **100**

