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Muscle Makers: A 10-Week Strength and Nutrition Program for Sarcopenia Forde et al. describe the management of sarcopenia with a 10-week course of PRT (progressive resistance training) in a group of 44 older adults, median age 80 years. There were improvements in the TUG (timed up and go) from 15.9 secs to 12.09 secs and the 5TSTS (five times sit to stand) from 18 secs to 12.43 secs.	110
Access to Primary Healthcare by Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection in Rural Communities Mamai et al. have audited the medical needs of 491 Ukrainians attending a rural GP medical centre. There was a preponderance of female patients and 31.4% were children. The workload was significant with 3,551 consultations, an average of 7 per person, over a 2 year period. The majority of interactions required an interpreter.	111
Comparing post-operative outcomes of patients with intracapsular neck of femur fractures treated with hip hemiarthroplasty versus total hip arthroplasty Coveney et al report on 4,259 intracapsular hip fractures, 3956 were treated with hip hemiarthroplasty (HA) and 303 with total hip arthroplasty (THA). In the HA group 4% died compared with 0.6% in the THA group. The study findings indicate a higher likelihood of inpatient mortality in those treated with HA versus THA.	112

Traumadoc in Practice: Understanding provider experiences and attitudes Bassa et al. have undertaken a national evaluation of Traumadoc, a decision support tool for severely injured patients which was introduced in 2019. A total of 97 emergency doctors and nurses took part in the survey. The responses were mixed with 56% using the tool infrequently. The layout and visual prompts were considered helpful but it was felt to be too long and not sufficiently user friendly. More than half of the respondents felt that it should be updated and that a revision is required.	113
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Severe Streptococcus equi infection with bacteraemia, myositis and micro-abscesses in a 17-year-old healthy female following horse exposure Adbelgadir et al. describe a case of <i>Streptococcus equi</i> bacteraemia following contact with horses. The patient had initial non-specific symptoms followed subsequently by left lower limb pain, swelling, and a rash. The blood culture was positive and the MRI showed myositis with micro-abscesses.	117
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