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✚ THE INTERESTING FACTS

- The four important risk factors for infection-related cancer. Nick Mulcahy
- Does vaccines increase the risk of the autism?
- The "jet lag" syndrome after general anesthesia
- Edzard Ernst has criticized homeopathy

✚ REGULATORY NEWS

- Bortezomib. Fatal if given intrathecally
- Domperidon. Association with serious ventricular arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death
- Strontium ranelate. No longer recommended for use in immobilized patients or patients with venous thromboembolism (VTE); update of warnings regarding serious skin reactions

✚ DRUGS SAFETY

- FDA Issues Safety Reminder on Cefepime
- Doripenem. Higher mortality rate and low clinical cure rate observed during a comparative clinical trial
- Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) - possible risk of Clostridium Difficile-associated diarrhoea (CDAD)
- Tianeptine: more cases of dependence
- Citalopram and escitalopram. QT interval prolongation: new maximum daily dose restrictions, contraindications, and warnings
- Quetiapine. Cardiomyopathy – an emerging safety signal
- Finasteride. Potential rare risk of breast cancer in men
- Fusidic acid and statins: risk of rhabdomyolysis
- Colchicine: caution!
- Drug-induced colour vision disorders

✚ EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

- Migraine attacks: paracetamol first

✚ FOR GENERAL PHYSICIANS

- Increase in prolactin levels in the treatment of antipsychotics: mechanism of action and clinical implications. G.A.Maguayre