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Comments on Exercise Echocardiography and Multidetector Computed Tomography for the Evaluation of Acute Chest Pain

Comentarios a la evaluación del dolor torácico agudo mediante ecocardiografía de ejercicio y tomografía computarizada multidetectores

To the Editor,

I have read the article published by the group at the Hospital Clínic de Barcelona1 with great interest, and would like to congratulate the authors publically on their outstanding research endeavor.

Nonetheless, although the authors recommend “a balanced strategy” combining both techniques, in my reading of the article I detect an underlying conflict between them, and would like to make some comments related to this. These comments are intended in no way to diminish the authors’ extraordinary work, but rather to present “the current value” of computed tomography (CT).

1. A limitation not mentioned by the authors is the long time elapsed between the conduct of the study and its publication. It may be that the intervening 6 years have brought no changes in exercise echocardiography and that older results thus remain applicable in 2014; however, developments in multidetector computed tomography (MDCT) during this period have been truly spectacular and exponential. Besides improved spatial and...