ACP issues guideline for treating low bone density or osteoporosis to prevent fractures in women and men

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The American College of Physicians (ACP) recommends in an evidence-based clinical practice guideline published today in Annals of Internal Medicine that physicians treat women with osteoporosis with bisphosphonates (alendronate, risedronate, or zoledronic acid) or denosumab, a biologic agent. “Physicians should prescribe generic drugs to treat patients with osteoporosis whenever possible and they should discuss the importance of medication adherence, especially for bisphosphonates,” said Jack Ende, MD, MACP, president, ACP. READ MORE

ACP urges vigilance to ensure new EO does not result in loss of access to care, discrimination

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The American College of Physicians (ACP) is concerned about the potential impact of the May 4 executive order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty signed by President Trump on reducing access to contraception and weakening protections against discrimination for LGBTQ persons. While the order does not yet specifically make any changes in federal regulations affecting women’s access to contraception or non-discrimination against LGBTQ persons, it creates a process that could result in adverse impacts on them. READ MORE

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It is not something that is taught enough in medical school, but practicing physicians quickly realize that in this business: Communication is everything. The reality of healthcare is that you can be the worst physician in the world clinically (not that it's something desirable to be), display great interpersonal skills, communicating well with your patients — and they will do absolutely anything you say and put you up on a pedestal. READ MORE CBS News

If you've ever worried that your doctor seems burned out on the job, you may be right. Physicians are busier than ever, and hospitals are worried that as their staff gets overwhelmed, the quality of care goes down and medical errors go up. Amanda North is a busy doctor at Montefiore Hospital in New York City. She's also the mother of three. Shortly after the birth of her youngest child, she found herself exhausted and overwhelmed. READ MORE

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A study found that virtual human simulations are helping medical students to learn empathy to improve how they interact with patients and deliver bad news. Researchers at the University of Michigan and Medical Cyberworlds, Inc., used the virtual human technology called MPathic-VR, a computer application, which allows students to talk with emotive, computer-based virtual humans who can see, hear, and react to them in real time. READ MORE

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