Ovary and unilateral oophorectomy: is having one the same as having two?
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Vagina dialogues
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Hormone therapy and vasomotor symptoms after the Women’s Health Initiative
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Incidence, time trends, laterality, indications, and pathological findings of unilateral oophorectomy before menopause
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Unilateral oophorectomy without a medical indication has been more common on the left side because of surgical preferences and traditions. The long-term consequences of right or left unilateral oophorectomy on timing of menopause, morbidity, and mortality need further study.
Association between the vaginal microbiota, menopause status, and signs of vulvovaginal atrophy

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In a cross-sectional study of 87 pre-, peri- and post-menopausal women, a distinct bacterial community state type (termed CST IV-A) with low relative abundance of Lactobacillus spp. was found to be associated with both menopause stage and vulvovaginal atrophy.

Use and discontinued use of menopausal hormone therapy by healthy women in Norway: the Hordaland Women’s Cohort study

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The 2-year incidence of hormone therapy (HT) users has been shown to have decreased by almost 50% after 2002 and symptoms reappear in most women after HT cessation.

Validation of the Quality of Life Questionnaire of the European Foundation for Osteoporosis-31 in Spanish postmenopausal women

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The article presents the Spanish version of the QUALEFFO-31 questionnaire, which has shown high reliability and validity for assessing quality of life in the Spanish postmenopausal population.

Does hormone therapy affect blood pressure changes in the Diabetes Prevention Program?

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In this study reductions in weight through lifestyle changes led to slight but significant reductions in blood pressure compared to placebo. Decreases in blood pressure were observed in women using estrogen therapy as well as in women not using estrogen therapy.
Safety of veralipride for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms of menopause
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The safety profile of veralipride for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms is discussed.

Melatonin in perimenopausal and postmenopausal women: associations with mood, sleep, climacteric symptoms, and quality of life
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In this study postmenopausal women had lower nighttime serum melatonin concentrations than perimenopausal women.

Does bone loss begin after weight loss ends? Results 2 years after weight loss or regain in postmenopausal women
Nancy L. Von Thun, MS, Deeptha Sukumar, PhD, Steven B. Heymsfield, MD, and Sue A. Shapses, PhD
Weight regain does not result in recovery of bone loss that occurs with weight reduction.

Utility of obesity indices in screening Chinese postmenopausal women for metabolic syndrome
Pengju Liu, BM, Fang Ma, MS, Huiping Lou, MS, and Yanning Zhu, MD
Although a variety of indices have been used to assess obesity, which is closely associated with the presence of metabolic syndrome, it is suggested that waist-to-hip ratio and waist-to-height ratio are the best indicators for predicting the presence of metabolic syndrome in Chinese postmenopausal women.

Association of GALNT3 gene polymorphisms with bone mineral density in Chinese postmenopausal women: the Peking Vertebral Fracture study
Nan Li, MD, Xiran Wang, MD, Yan Jiang, MD, Wenbo Wang, MD, Wei Huang, MD, Xin Zheng, MD, Qiuping Wang, MD, Zhiwei Ning, MD, Yu Pei, MD, Chunlin Li, MD, Min Nie, MD, Mei Li, MD, Ou Wang, MD, Xiaoping Xing, MD, Shuli He, MD, Wei Yu, MD, Qiang Lin, MD, Ling Xu, MD, and Weibo Xia, MD
GALNT3 gene polymorphisms were found in the present study to be associated with the bone mineral density of Chinese postmenopausal women. GALNT3 may play a role in genetic susceptibility to osteoporosis.
Genome-wide association studies and epistasis analyses of candidate genes related to age at menarche and age at natural menopause in a Korean population

Jung-A. Pyun, MS, Sunshin Kim, PhD, Nam H. Cho, PhD, InSong Koh, MD, PhD, Jong-Young Lee, PhD, Chol Shin, MD, PhD, and KyuBum Kwack, PhD

Genome-wide association studies and epistasis analyses in a Korean population identified that novel polymorphisms and synergistic interactions between candidate genes were significantly associated with age at menarche and age at natural menopause.

Brief Report

Polymorphisms within the FANCA gene associate with premature ovarian failure in Korean women

Jung-A. Pyun, MS, Sunshin Kim, PhD, Dong Hyun Cha, MD, PhD, and KyuBum Kwack, PhD

Genetic variations within Fanconi anemia complementation group A gene were significantly associated with increased risk of premature ovarian failure in Korean women.

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Menopause and sleep

Robert R. Freedman, PhD

Patient Handout

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Critical review of complementary and alternative medicine use in menopause: focus on prevalence, motivation, decision-making, and communication

Wenbo Peng, MMed, Jon Adams, PhD, David W. Sibbritt, PhD, and Jane E. Frawley, M ClinSci

A review of the prevalence of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) use for menopause alongside CAM user’s characteristics, motivations, decision making and communication with healthcare providers.

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