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Fangfang Ai, PhD, Yiling Wang, MM, Liane Zhou, MM, and Shijun Wang, MD For postmenopausal women with endometrial thickening, the results of this study suggested that women who are older, have a thicker endometrial thickness, had irregular menstruation in the past, have postmenopausal bleeding, and have polypoid mass-like lesions should seek medical attention as soon as possible and undergo further invasive examination.

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Factors affecting surgical decision-making in carriers of *BRCA1/2* pathogenic variants undergoing risk-reducing surgery at a dedicated hereditary ovarian cancer clinic Michelle R. Jacobson, MD, FRCS(C) NCMP, Melissa Walker, MD, FRCSC, Gabrielle E.V. Ene, BSc, Courtney Firestone, MD, Marcus Q. Bernardini, MD, FRCS(C), Lisa Allen, MD, FRCS(C), Ella Huszti, PhD, and Mara Sobel, MD, FRCS(C) *Canadian women with* BRCA1/2 *pathogenic variants have diverse needs and make varied decisions with regards to risk-reducing surgery. Optimal counseling should be individualized and evidence-based.*

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Gastrointestinal symptoms in four major racial/ethnic groups of midlife women: race/ethnicity and menopausal status

Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, FAAN, Gayeong Kim, MSN, RN, Miyoung Choi, PhD, RN, and Wonshik Chee, PhD

This study aims to explore the association of race/ethnicity to gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms experienced during the menopausal transition while considering multiple factors that could influence the symptoms. Race/ethnicity and menopausal status were significant factors that influenced the total numbers and total severity scores of GI symptoms among midlife women when background characteristics and health-related characteristics were controlled.

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This prospective study found that women with a history of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy have a significantly increased risk of problematic hot flashes, compared with their counterparts without a history of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

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Is cognitive performance of women sensitive to the severity of menopausal symptoms? Mankamal Kaur, MSc, and Maninder Kaur, PhD

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Felisha Marques, MPH, Kevan Josloff, MPH, MPH, Kristin Hung, MD, May Wakamatsu, MD, and Karen R. Sepucha, PhD

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Emily Wright, MD, Ola Shaltout, MD(c), Mary Ann Zokvic, MD, and Lindsay Shirreff, MD, MSc(HQ), FRCSC

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Management of cardiovascular disease in women with premature ovarian insufficiency: critical quality appraisal of clinical guidelines and algorithm development

Min Yang, MSN, Li Jiang, MSN, and Nan-nan Yao, BSN

The overall methodological quality of most clinical practice guidelines (CPG) regarding cardiovascular disease in women with premature ovarian insufficiency was moderate to poor, with only 3 being assessed as recommended for clinical practice. On the basis of the available evidence, the authors of this study designed an algorithm with a clear implementation strategy to facilitate clinicians' adherence to CPGs and contribute to evidence-based care.



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Bidirectional associations between cognitive functions and walking performance among middle-aged women

Anna Tirkkonen, MSc, Tiia Kekäläinen, PhD, Pauliina Aukee, MD, PhD, Urho M. Kujala, MD, PhD, Eija K. Laakkonen, PhD, Katja Kokko, PhD, and Sarianna Sipilä, PhD

This study showed that cognitive functions remained unchanged or improved after transition from perimenopause to postmenopause. Executive functions and walking were cross-sectionally associated among late perimenopausal women, but association depended on executive process measured and the nature of the physical task.

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Which injected antiosteoporotic medication is worth paying for? A cost-effectiveness analysis of teriparatide, zoledronate, ibandronate, and denosumab for postmenopausal osteoporotic women in China

Ruxu You, MS, Takahiro Mori, MD, PhD, Lei Ke, MS, Yuansheng Wan, MS, Yu Zhang, PhD, Fei Luo, MS, Da Feng, PhD, Guangyi Yu, MS, and Jinyu Liu, MS

Among postmenopausal osteoporotic women in China, denosumab therapy is cost-effective at all ages examined from the health care payer perspective, compared with teriparatide, zoledronate, or ibandronate.

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Perceived risk factors for weight gain, barriers, and facilitators related to weight loss experienced by perimenopausal women: focus group discussion and thematic analysis Sakshi Chopra, MSc, Piyush Ranjan, MD, Anita Malhotra, PhD, Aditi Verma, MSc, Archana Kumari, MS, K. Aparna Sharma, MD, Siddharth Sarkar, MD, and Naval K. Vikram, MD During the perimenopausal period, women encounter a range of barriers and challenges related to weight loss.

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Association of oral contraceptives and tubal ligation with antimüllerian hormone

Christine R. Langton, PhD, Brian W. Whitcomb, PhD, Alexandra C. Purdue-Smithe, PhD, Lynnette L. Sievert, PhD, Susan E. Hankinson, ScD, JoAnn E. Manson, MD, DrPH, NCMP, Bernard A. Rosner, PhD, and Elizabeth R. Bertone-Johnson, ScD

This study examined the association of long-term use of oral contraceptives and tubal ligation with antimüllerian hormone (AMH), a marker of ovarian aging. Associations between duration of oral contraceptive use and certain types of tubal ligation with mean AMH levels were observed.

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Stress predicts depression symptoms for women living with bipolar disorder during the menopause transition

Tania Perich, PhD, and Jane Ussher, PhD

For women with bipolar disorder during perimenopause, sleep problems and hot flash severity were correlated with each other and with depression, anxiety and stress symptoms. Stress alone predicted depression symptoms in the sample.

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Practice considerations for behavioral therapies for depression and anxiety in midlife women

Jill M. Cyranowski, PhD

Healthcare professionals treating women across the menopause transition would do well to incorporate routine mental health screening and psychoeducation about the prevalence and common risk factors for midlife mental health issues into their routine practices. Such discussions can normalize and validate women's experiences, destignatize mental health issues, and enhance patients' motivation to pursue behavioral treatment options.

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Factors associated with high placebo response in clinical studies of hot flashes: a meta-analysis

Kentaro Miyazaki, MSc, Masayuki Kaneko, PhD, Mamoru Narukawa, PhD This study identified several factors associated with high placebo response in clinical studies of women with hot flashes. Knowing these factors may enable proactive implementation of operational and analytic strategies that further aid in determining the true treatment effect of an intervention.



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Monckeberg's arteriosclerosis: a case report of chronic endometritis presenting as postmenopausal bleeding

Victoria J. Mercer, BSc, Ather Naseemuddin, MBBS, FRCPC, and Amanda Webb, MD, FRCSC This is the second case report of Monckeberg's arteriosclerosis affecting the uterine vessels and the first time it has been reported in a patient who had undergone premature menopause and was associated with chronic endometritis that was unresponsive to multiple courses of antimicrobial therapy.

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