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The following articles should be of interest to Hospitalists:

Perioperative Medicine Update

Jaffer et al. review preoperative beta-blocker use, risk of bleeding with perioperative bridging of anticoagulation and reducing the risk of postoperative respiratory failure, among other issues.

Jaffir, Amir et al., *Perioperative Medicine Update*, Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2009; 24(7): 863-871

Patient Safety Issue

Tija, Jennifer et al., *Medication Discrepancies upon Hospital to Skilled Nursing Facility Transitions*, Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2009; 24(5): 630-635



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Updated IV Catheter Infection Guidelines

The IDSA has updated their practice guidelines for IV catheter infections:

Mermal, LA et al., *Clinical practice guidelines for the diagnosis and management of intravenous catheter-related infection: 2009 update by the Infectious Disease Society of America*. Clin Infect Dis 2009; 49:1-45

<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdf/10.1086/599376>