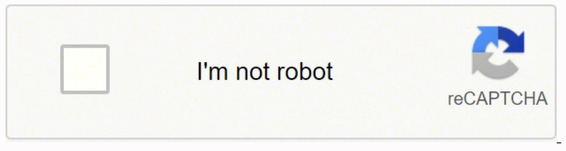

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What is orientation in mental status exam

The Mini-Mental State Exam (MMSE) is a brief, structured test of mental status that takes about 10 minutes to complete. Introduced by Marshall Folstein and others in 1975, the MMSE is the most commonly used test to assess problems with memory and other cognitive functions. Learn what the test involves, as well as how to score it and how accurate it is in identifying dementia. FatCamera / Getty Images Scores on the MMSE range from 0 to 30, with scores of 26 or higher being traditionally considered normal. Scores less than 9 generally indicate severe impairment, while scores between 10 and 20 indicate moderate dementia. People with early stage Alzheimer's disease tend to score in the 19 to 24 range. However, scores may need to be adjusted or interpreted differently to account for a person's age, education, and race/ethnicity. Scores typically decline with advancing age and increase with higher educational level. It's possible to achieve a very high score but still have significant cognitive deficits, especially in areas such as executive functioning that the MMSE is not designed to assess. There are two primary uses of the MMSE. First, it is a widely used, validated, and reliable method of screening for Alzheimer's disease. As a screening test, however, it is not meant to substitute for a thorough diagnostic workup. Sensitivity and specificity of the MMSE, key properties of every screening test, are reasonably good. Sensitivity refers to the test's accuracy in identifying individuals with the disease (i.e., persons with Alzheimer's test as positive). Specificity refers to the test's effectiveness in identifying people who do not have the disease (i.e., persons without the disease test as negative). The second important use of the MMSE is as a means of evaluating cognitive changes in an individual over time. Periodic testing with the MMSE can help assess a person's response to treatment, which can help guide future treatment. A study shows an Alzheimer's patient's MMSE score worsens by more than 5 points in two years without treatment. In 2010, the MMSE 2 was published. It includes many of the same tasks as the MMSE but updates a few of the original tasks to improve accuracy and ease of translation into other languages. In addition to the advantages already mentioned, the MMSE has been translated into many languages and has even been adapted for use by visually-impaired persons. Disadvantages include the need to adjust scores for age, education, and ethnicity, as well as potential copyright issues. While originally the MMSE was widely distributed for free, the current official version must be ordered through the copyright owner since 2001, Psychological Assessment Resources. The MMSE is one of the most commonly used screening tests to evaluate cognitive functioning. If you receive results from this test that concern you, don't hesitate to ask your physician questions about what they mean, as well as if they have evaluated for any possible reversible causes of dementia. Finally, the MMSE should be combined with several other screening and medical tests if it is being used to diagnose dementia. Thanks for your feedback! What are your concerns? Verywell Health uses only high-quality sources, including peer-reviewed studies, to support the facts within our articles. Read our editorial process to learn more about how we fact-check and keep our content accurate, reliable, and trustworthy. Larner AJ, Editor. Cognitive Screening Instruments: A Practical Approach. Springer. 2013. Pradier C, Sakarovitch C, Le duff F, et al. The mini mental state examination at the time of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders diagnosis, according to age, education, gender and place of residence: a cross-sectional study among the French National Alzheimer database. 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CLARK, PhD; and SONYA SHIPLEY, MD, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MississippiAm Fam Physician. 2016 Oct 15;94(8):635-641.This clinical content conforms to AAFP criteria for continuing medical education (CME). See the CME Quiz Questions.Author disclosure: No relevant financial affiliations.Article Sections Abstract Mental Status Screening ToolsOther Diagnostic TestingReferencesThe mental status examination includes general observations made during the clinical encounter, as well as specific testing based on the needs of the patient and physician. Multiple cognitive functions may be tested, including attention, executive functioning, gnosia, language, memory, orientation, praxis, prosody, thought content, thought processes, and visuospatial proficiency. Proprietary and open-source clinical examination tools are available, such as the Mini-Mental State Examination and the Mini-Cog. Physician judgment is necessary in selecting the most appropriate tool for an individual patient. These tools have varying sensitivity and specificity for neurologic and psychiatric disorders, but none are diagnostic for any mental status disorder. Each must be interpreted in the context of physician observation. The mental status examination is useful in helping differentiate between a variety of systemic conditions, as well as neurologic and psychiatric disorders ranging from delirium and dementia to bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. There are no guidelines to direct further testing in the setting of an abnormal mental status examination; therefore, testing is based on clinical judgment. The mental status examination is a useful tool to assist physicians in differentiating between a variety of systemic conditions, as well as neurologic and psychiatric disorders ranging from delirium and dementia to bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. The examination itself may comprise a few brief observations made during a general patient encounter or a more thorough evaluation by the physician. It also may include the administration of relatively brief standardized tools such as the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) and Mini-Cog. Highly detailed and time-consuming neuropsychological testing is also available, but this is beyond the scope of this article.Culture, native language, level of education, literacy, and social factors such as sleep deprivation, hunger, or other stressors must be taken into account when interpreting the examination, because these factors can affect performance.1 Language skills of the physician and patient are critical; the patient must be able to understand the questions and communicate his or her answers, and the physician must be able to interpret the examination results. If possible, the mental status examination should occur when the physician is alone with the patient and again in the presence of the patient's friends or family members who can provide more longitudinal insight into problems the patient may be having. The physician should maintain a nonjudgmental, supportive attitude during the encounter.1The examination begins with a general assessment of the patient's level of consciousness, appearance, activity, and emotional state.1,2 Each of these items may be rapidly assessed by a physician in the initial moments of the encounter through history taking and general observation. These findings, combined with a brief memory test, may be all that is needed to ascertain that no pathology is present.1If the general assessment does reveal areas of concern, further in-depth investigation is warranted. When a more thorough examination is indicated, it may be separated into two general portions: observations made by the physician about the patient's physical state, and a cognitive evaluation in which the patient's neurologic and psychological functioning is assessed. The cognitive portion involves assessment of 11 different functions: attention, executive functioning, gnosia, language, memory, orientation, praxis, prosody, thought content, thought processes, and visuospatial proficiency. Table 1 provides information about each portion of the examination, as well as differential diagnoses that may be suggested by abnormalities in each area.1–5 Abstract Mental Status Screening ToolsOther Diagnostic TestingReferencesSeveral brief screening tools can assist physicians in obtaining an objective assessment of mental status. However, some instruments have not been studied for use in the primary care setting; for others, research methods were inconsistent, thereby limiting the ability to generalize findings to certain practice environments.6 Other screening tools that have been widely researched vary in the time to administer, cognitive skills measured, number of questions, and sensitivity and specificity for dementia or mild cognitive impairment. Table 2 summarizes several instruments studied in the primary care setting.3,4,6 Physician judgment is necessary in selecting the most appropriate tool for an individual patient. No screening tool is diagnostic for any mental status disorder. Although screening may detect cognitive decline or dementia, there is no evidence that screening improves clinical outcomes.6 As the mainstay of diagnosis, clinical judgment must be based on multiple observations made over time. However, these instruments may be beneficial because they provide an objective, standardized method of evaluating mental status.According to the National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association, diagnosis of cognitive impairment and dementia requires a deficit in at least two cognitive or behavioral functions, including learning and information recall, reasoning or task completion, visuospatial proficiency, speech, reading and writing, behavior, and personality.4 Screening instruments vary in the cognitive and behavioral domains they assess. The most widely researched cognitive testing tool is the MMSE. It requires about six to 10 minutes to administer, although it may take longer depending on the extent of impairment. In 14 studies, the MMSE had a sensitivity of 88.3% (95% confidence interval [CI], 81.3% to 92.9%) and a specificity of 86.2% (95% CI, 81.8% to 89.7%) for dementia, with a score cutoff of 23 to 25 indicating significant impairment.4 A more recent meta-analysis of 108 cohort studies found a sensitivity of 81% (95% CI, 78% to 84%) and specificity of 89% (95% CI, 87% to 91%).6 The MMSE assesses a wide range of domains, including attention, language, memory, orientation, and visuospatial proficiency. However, it is proprietary and, according to the copyright holder, may not be reproduced or administered without a fee, and the patient's education level must be taken into account when interpreting the results.3,4The Mini-Cog is a brief (five minutes or less) screening tool that measures executive functioning, memory, and visuospatial proficiency. Estimates of its sensitivity and specificity for dementia vary across studies. However, a recent meta-analysis of cohort studies found a pooled sensitivity of 91% (95% CI, 80% to 96%) and specificity of 86% (95% CI, 74% to 93%).4 The Mini-Cog instructs the patient to say three words, engage in a clock drawing task, then repeat the three words. The Mini-Cog is brief, easy to use, and widely available, and it is preferred over the MMSE. However, it demonstrated better performance in patients with dementia compared with those with only mild cognitive impairment, which may account for the variance in sensitivity (76% to 100%) and specificity (54% to 85.2%) in other reviews.4The Montreal Cognitive Assessment is a brief (10 minutes or less) screening tool that assesses attention, executive functioning, language, memory, and orientation. It has better performance in assessing patients with mild cognitive impairment compared with the Mini-COG, MMSE, and the revised Addenbrooke's Cognitive Examination (ACE-R), and it is not proprietary.3,4 Its pooled sensitivity and specificity in 20 cohort studies were 91% (95% CI, 84% to 95%) and 81% (95% CI, 71% to 81%), respectively.4 Its content is similar to that of the MMSE, for which it may be substituted, but also consists of visuospatial tasks, naming, and memory trials.4The ACE-R is another alternative to the MMSE that is not proprietary.3,4 It requires about 20 minutes to administer and assesses attention, executive functioning, language, memory, orientation, and visuospatial proficiency.4 In 13 studies, this tool had a pooled sensitivity of 92% (95% CI, 90% to 94%) and specificity of 89% (95% CI, 84% to 93%) for dementia.4 Its content and administration are similar to those of the MMSE, but it requires some additional visuospatial tasks.Other brief screening tools are available, but they are not covered in detail because of their lack of generalizability, inconsistency in scoring, and paucity of high-quality research regarding their use in the primary care setting.3 Abstract Mental Status Screening ToolsOther Diagnostic TestingReferencesAbnormal results from the individual components of the mental status examination can provide important diagnostic clues that can help physicians determine the cause of cognitive problems. However, mental status examination results may not be sufficient to narrow the differential diagnosis, and findings from the history and physical examination, as well as ancillary testing, are usually necessary for a definitive diagnosis.There are no consensus guidelines to guide diagnostic testing in the setting of an abnormal mental status examination. Therefore, testing is based on clinical judgment. Although extensive testing is generally unnecessary, initial laboratory studies to consider in patients with an abnormal mental status examination include measurement of serum glucose, blood urea nitrogen, and creatinine clearance, as well as urinalysis. These studies may reveal a potentially correctable cause, such as hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia, uremia secondary to acute kidney injury, or urinary tract infection. Thyroid function testing is also reasonable, especially in women older than 50 years who have neurologic illness or mood disorders, or in younger women and men with clinical signs of thyroid disease. However, such testing should be avoided if it is unlikely to alter the patient's clinical outcome.7 Other tests (e.g., neuroimaging,8 electroencephalography,9 positron emission tomography,10 more extensive serum laboratory testing, cerebrospinal fluid analysis) may be indicated for patients with potentially nonpsychiatric symptoms or symptoms that may be caused by a general medical condition.11Data Sources: PubMed and UpToDate searches were completed using the key terms mental status examination, general mental status examination, special mental status examination, Mini-Mental Status Examination, and Mini-Cog. The searches included meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, clinical trials, and review articles. Also searched were Essential Evidence Plus and the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. Search dates: September 2, 2015, and October 3, 2015.The authors thank Elizabeth Hinton, MSIS, for her research assistance during the preparation of this article.editor's note: The American Academy of Family Physicians' National Research Network has developed a Cognitive Care Kit, which provides free access to a comprehensive list of tools and resources categorized by need or application. An expert panel of family physicians and researchers reviewed, vetted, and organized existing tools and resources based on life-stage and disease severity. The tools and resources are for use by physicians, patients, families, caregivers, and support teams. For more information, visit or e-mail Carekit@aafp.org.Page 22. Chang JC. Intimate partner violence: how you can help female survivors. Cleve Clin J Med. 2014;81(7):439–446.3. Carmo R, Grams A, Magalhães T. Men as victims of intimate partner violence. 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TACASTACAS, MD, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OhioAm Fam Physician. 2016 Oct 15;94(8):658-660.A 28-year-old man with a history of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and AIDS presented to the emergency department with fever and a widespread, severely painful, pruritic rash. The cutaneous eruption began on his chest and rapidly spread to his face, left lower eyelid, neck, trunk, genitalia, and upper and lower extremities. His CD4 cell count was 6 per mm3 (0.01 × 109 per L) with a viral load of 768,970 copies per mL. He was not compliant with highly active antiretroviral therapy. His white blood cell count, liver function, and kidney function were normal. He reported having chickenpox as a child.On examination, he had vesicles and pustules, some umbilicated, overlying an erythematous base in a generalized distribution (Figure 1). His skin was tender, but the mucosal surfaces were unaffected. Ophthalmologic evaluation revealed no intraocular involvement.Based on the patient's history and physical examination findings, which one of the following is the most likely diagnosis? A. Cutaneous Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare complex infection.B. Disseminated cryptococcosis.C. Disseminated herpes simplex virus infection.D. Disseminated varicella-zoster virus infection.E. Secondary syphilis.The answer is D: disseminated varicella-zoster virus infection. A swab of a vesicle base was positive for varicella-zoster virus antigen. Hematoxylin-eosin stain of a skin biopsy revealed classic findings of herpes infection, which may be caused by herpes simplex virus, cytomegalovirus, or varicella virus. These findings include nuclear inclusions (Cowdry bodies) and multinucleation. Skin cultures were negative for bacteria, fungi, and acid-fast bacilli.Unusual presentations of HIV-associated varicella-zoster virus infection include multidermatomal, ulcerative, verrucous, and disseminated rashes with fulminant visceral involvement.1 Cutaneous dissemination alone is an atypical presentation and is defined as more than 20 vesicles outside a dermatomal distribution.2 Most disseminated cases begin in a dermatomal distribution, then generalize or disseminate to the liver and spleen. The patient presented with widespread vesicles and pustules similar to a primary varicella infection without the visceral involvement that usually occurs with disseminated varicella-zoster virus infection.Disseminated varicella-zoster virus infection should be considered in patients with HIV infection or AIDS who have a CD4 cell count of less than 500 per mm3 (0.50 × 109 per L).1 Diagnostic workup starts with a detailed history, including previous varicella infection or recent varicella-zoster immunization. Infected epithelial cells from a vesicle base may be sent for rapid diagnosis via a Tzanck test or direct fluorescent antibody test.1 Direct fluorescent antibody testing differentiates herpes simplex virus and varicella-zoster virus infections.3 A skin biopsy may also be obtained for histology and viral culture. Varicella-zoster DNA found in epithelial cells from a vesicle base or scabs from skin lesions can be identified on polymerase chain reaction testing, which is rapid and highly sensitive.3 Polymerase chain reaction testing from other specimens, such as blood or cerebrospinal fluid, is less desirable. Treatment with antivirals is effective if given within 72 hours of the onset of the rash or radicular pain. Treatment should be continued until all skin lesions have scabbed and any organ involvement has resolved.Cutaneous Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare complex infection is a concern if the CD4 cell count is less than 50 per mm3 (0.05 × 109 per L).1,4 Patients appear very ill because disseminated disease usually involves the lungs, blood, bone marrow, spleen, and lymph nodes before the skin.Disseminated cryptococcosis is a concern if the CD4 cell count is less than 250 per mm3 (0.25 × 109 per L). It presents as a papular eruption with umbilicated or ulcerated centers.1,5 Cryptococcosis typically affects the lungs and central nervous system before the skin.Although rare, disseminated herpes simplex virus infection can manifest solely as cutaneous involvement, appearing as scattered papules, vesicles, and pustular lesions in different stages of evolution.6 In patients who are immunocompromised, disseminated herpes simplex virus infection usually involves visceral organs. It may present as fulminant hepatitis, encephalitis, or pneumonia.Secondary syphilis presents four to eight weeks after a primary chancre with widespread macules and papules, usually including the palms and soles.7 It is usually accompanied by fever, malaise, arthralgias, myalgias, pharyngitis, and nontender lymphadenopathy.Page 5Putting Prevention into PracticeAn Evidence-Based ApproachROBERT J. McNELLIS, MPH, PA, Medical Officer, U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Program, Agency for Healthcare Research and QualityVINCENT BESWICK-ESCANLAR, MD, CCFP, General Preventive Medicine Resident, Uniformed Services University of the Health SciencesAm Fam Physician. 2016 Oct 15;94(8):661-662.This clinical content conforms to AAFP criteria for continuing medical education (CME). See the CME Quiz Questions.Related U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement: Aspirin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease and Colorectal Cancer: Recommendation Statement.Author disclosure: No relevant financial affiliations.S.L. is a 55-year-old man who presents to your office for a routine refill of his antihypertension medication. He also takes a statin and an antidepressant. Although he smokes, his blood pressure and cholesterol are well controlled. His history and physical examination are unremarkable.Case Study QuestionsAccording to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), which of the following factors would prompt consideration for S.L. to start taking low-dose aspirin to prevent cardiovascular disease (CVD) and colorectal cancer (CRC)? A. Family history of CRC.B. Life expectancy of at least 10 years.C. Willingness to take low-dose aspirin daily for at least 10 years.D. History of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) use for arthritis.S.L.'s 65-year-old brother visits you to ask about taking low-dose aspirin, although he admits that he sometimes forgets to take his medications. He does not smoke, and his blood pressure and cholesterol levels are normal. Which one of the following would you advise? A. It is acceptable if he does not take aspirin every day, because any amount of aspirin reduces the risk of CVD and CRC.B. It is acceptable if he does not take aspirin every day, but he should take a dosage of 325 mg at least once per month to maintain a therapeutic level.C. He should use an enteric-coated formulation of aspirin to reduce the risk of gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding.D. Initiate a discussion about his 10-year CVD risk, his willingness to take a daily pill, and his GI and overall health to determine whether aspirin will be of benefit to him.S.L.'s 55-year-old wife is also your patient. She does not smoke, and her blood pressure and cholesterol levels are normal. She has recently experienced abdominal pain, perhaps related to stomach ulcers. You recommended dietary changes, which seem to have resolved the pain. Which one of the following would you advise? A. She should take aspirin every day to reduce the risk of stroke.B. She should take aspirin every day to reduce the risk of heart attack.C. She should take aspirin every day but use an enteric-coated formulation because of her potential history of stomach ulcers.D. She should not take aspirin because her risk of a CVD event does not outweigh the risk of GI bleeding.1. The correct answers are B and C. The USPSTF identified four criteria to be considered for the initiation of low-dose aspirin: increased risk of CVD, lack of increased risk of bleeding, life expectancy of at least 10 years, and willingness to take aspirin daily. The primary risk factors for CVD include older age, male sex, race/ethnicity, abnormal lipid levels, high blood pressure, diabetes mellitus, and smoking. Calculators are readily available to estimate the 10-year risk of a CVD event (. Life expectancy is important because the benefit of CRC prevention is not apparent until 10 to 20 years after aspirin therapy is started. Patients need to take aspirin for at least five to 10 years to realize this potential benefit; persons unwilling to take aspirin for that duration or with shorter life expectancy are less likely to benefit. Concurrent NSAID and aspirin use increases the risk of harms due to bleeding. Patients with increased risk of CRC are not within the scope of this recommendation; these patients should discuss their options for preventing CRC with their health care professional.2. The correct answer is D. For adults 60 to 69 years of age, the USPSTF recommends individualizing the decision for aspirin use based on patients' risk factors and values, because the overall net benefit in this age group is small. Persons who place a higher value on the potential benefits than the potential harms may choose to initiate low-dose aspirin. Understanding patient priorities can help guide the decision. Adults with a 10-year CVD risk greater than 10% are more likely to benefit. There is no indication that S.L.'s brother is at increased risk of bleeding (e.g., upper GI tract pain, GI ulcers, concurrent anticoagulant or NSAID use, uncontrolled hypertension). Regular daily aspirin use decreases the risk of CVD events and CRC, but intermittent or sporadic use has not been shown to be of benefit. Although the optimal dose of aspirin to prevent CVD events is not known, lower dosages (e.g., 75 mg per day) appear to be as effective as higher dosages (e.g., 325 mg every other day) and may be less likely to cause bleeding. The USPSTF suggests a dosage of 81 mg per day as a pragmatic approach. There is no evidence that enteric-coated or buffered formulations reduce the risk of serious GI bleeding. Patients should talk to their health care professional before starting or stopping aspirin use.3. The correct answer is D. Whereas the 2009 USPSTF recommendation established sex-specific outcomes for aspirin use (prevention of ischemic stroke in women and myocardial infarction in men), the USPSTF now recommends initiating low-dose aspirin use for the primary prevention of cardiovascular events (nonfatal myocardial infarction and stroke) in women and men 50 to 59 years of age if they have a 10% or greater 10-year CVD risk and are not at increased risk of GI bleeding. A nonsmoking, normotensive 55-year-old woman has a 10-year CVD risk below the threshold for initiating aspirin therapy. Moreover, a history of upper GI pain suggests risk of GI bleeding. There is no evidence that enteric-coated or buffered formulations reduce the risk of serious GI bleeding.The views expressed in this work are those of the authors, and do not reflect the official policy or position of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. government.To see the full article, log in or purchase access.U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Aspirin use for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease and colorectal cancer: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendation statement. Ann Intern Med. 2016;164(12):836–845.Guirguis-Blake JM, Evans CV, Senger CA, O'Connor EA, Whitlock EP. Aspirin for the primary prevention of cardiovascular events: a systematic evidence review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Ann Intern Med. 2016;164(12):804–813.This PPIP quiz is based on the recommendations of the USPSTF. More information is available in the USPSTF Recommendation Statement and the supporting documents on the USPSTF website ( ). The practice recommendations in this activity are available at series is coordinated by Sumi Sexton, MD, Associate Deputy Editor.A collection of Putting Prevention into Practice published in AFP is available at . Page 6Am Fam Physician. 2016 Oct 15;94(8):663.Which oral contraceptive combinations have the highest risk of cardiovascular effects?Although there is risk with any current oral contraceptive combination, those that contain lower doses of estrogen, and levonorgestrel instead of desogestrel or gestodene, are associated with the least risk of ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction (MI), or pulmonary embolism (PE). These safer products are older so are often less expensive. This is not the first study to show this difference, but its enrollment of 5 million women may make it the largest. (Level of Evidence = 2b)This study, conducted in France, used the national health insurance database to identify all women who filled at least one prescription for an oral contraceptive between July 2010 and September 2012. The authors compared these data with the hospital discharge database to identify whether any of these women experienced an admission for PE, cancer, ischemic stroke, or MI over the same period. They identified almost 5 million women with a total of 5,443,916 woman-years of oral contraceptive use.The risk of cardiovascular effects was very low: roughly six events per 10,000 woman-years, which is similar to other reports. However, the authors found some differences among products: After adjustment for progestogen and risk factors, stroke, PE, and MI risk were all statistically lower with lower-dose estrogen (20 mcg vs. 30 to 40 mcg). They also found, after adjustment, that progestogen mattered: desogestrel (in Desogen, Mircette) and gestodene (Gynera, Femoden, and many others) were associated with higher risk of PE than levonorgestrel. Norethisterone (in Loestrin, Microgestin, and others) was associated with lower PE risk. The combination of estrogen, 20 mcg, and levonorgestrel is associated with the lowest risk. These risks are still small (numbers needed to treat to harm are in the thousands). This study does not tell us about products that contain other estrogens or progestogens because these are the only combinations covered by French national health insurance. Also, the database does not allow for analysis by smoking status.Study design: Cohort (retrospective)Funding source: FoundationSetting: Population-basedReference: Weill A, Dalichampt M, Raguideau F, et al. Low dose oestrogen combined oral contraception and risk of pulmonary embolism, stroke, and myocardial infarction in five million French women: cohort study. BMJ. 2016;353:i2002.To see the full article, log in or purchase access.POEMs (patient-oriented evidence that matters) are provided by EssentialEvidence Plus, a point-of-care clinical decision support system published by Wiley-Blackwell. For more information, please see . For definitions of levels of evidence used in POEMs, see subscribe to a free podcast of these and other POEMs that appear in AFP, search in iTunes for “POEM of the Week” or go to series is coordinated by Sumi Sexton, MD, Associate Deputy Editor.A collection of POEMs published in AFP is available at .

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