

Letters to the Editor

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Lactate

Dear Editor,

I read the recent publication on serum lactate with a great interest [1]. Da Rocha et al. noted that "After Jatenes operation, morbidity and mortality can be assessed with the serum lactate levels, suggesting that increased values in the third hour are suggestive of a worse prognosis [1]." I agree that lactate measurement is useful. However, I would like to add up some concerns on lactate determination. First, the vitamin C in serum can cause a false decrease in lactate result [2]. Second, the nutritional status of the infant showed also to be concerned as an important cofactor affecting the resulted lactate level [3].

Viroj Wiwanitkit, Bangkok/Tailândia

Answer

Dear editor,

I agree with the concerns presented by professor Viroj Wiwanitkit. They are comments about potential factors that could influence serum lactate determinations, i. e. anything that influences the supply/demand of tissue oxygen. Nutritional status and serum levels of vitamin C are just some of them, among so many that we could not assess in our study.

Taís Sica da Rocha, Porto Alegre/RS

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Invitation

We reproduce below the invitation received by Dr. Rodolfo Neirotti to attend a conference in China, according to an article published in BJCVS.

Domingo Braile - Editor RBCCV/BJCVS

Dear Dr. Neirotti R

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we cordially invite you to participate to the EPS Global Chongqing International Heart Congress to be held from April 22 to 23, 2011, at the Sofitel Forebase Chongqing, Chongqing, China. The conference is organized by EPS Global Medical Development Inc., and hosted in collaboration with Daping Hospital, Third Military Medical University (TMMU) in Chongqing.

We would like to welcome you to our Conference as our valuable speaker and present your recent work and ideas of "New technology: valve repair using biodegradable rings" that were published in Rev Bras Cir Cardiovasc 23.4 [1]. Please visit our website at www.epsglobal.ca and www.epswordlink.com for program details.

The conference will consist of series of plenary lectures about the latest research breakthroughs, clinical and therapeutic advances in the areas of cardiology and cardiac surgery. The conference lectures will be given by both Chinese and international leaders. This meeting is meant to be held in a casual and interactive setting which will provide the attending scientists, clinicians and partner institutions with privileged opportunities for networking and developing collaborations.

EPS Global Medical Development Inc. is a Canada-based consulting agency and the leading international medical exchange in China. EPS organizes numerous high-quality biomedical science conferences and international academic exchanges as it maintains sustainable partnerships with hundreds of hospitals and research institutes in China and across the world. EPS is proud to provide attendees and partners with interactive and advanced cardiology/cardiac surgery forum promoting tomorrow's academic exchanges, research advances, international collaborations and improved clinical practices.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the International Chongqing Heart Congress.

Warmest regards,

Yao Lu, MD, PhD - Executive Chair of EPS Global 1st International Infectious Diseases Conference - President, EPS Global Medical Montreal/Canada.

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10 years of cardiac surgery in Tocantins

Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery (BJCVS) greets colleagues Tocantins for 10 years of cardiovascular surgery in the state, completed on February 13. The team that performed the procedure was led by Dr. Henrique Furtado. Before, during and following surgery, the patient responded to treatment and was good recovery in ICU, then opened Cardio. The surgery lasted about four hours, between noon and 16 hours.

Hospital Interzonal de Agudos Presidente Perón: 50 years

Jorge TRAININI*

Hospital Presidente Perón (*) was inaugurated on 24 February 1951 (1). Its capacity is 350 (three hundred fifty) beds. Has high complexity (Cardiac Surgery, Catheterization, Catheterization For Navigation, embolization, electrophysiological ablations, Nuclear Medicine, Neurosurgery, five critical units, CT, Gamma Camera, neonatology, etc.). In recent years the organization has been recognized worldwide in the development of stem cell implants. A three-year plan from 2005-2007, the organization achieved a recovery in its key estates: building, appliance, teaching and human resources (2).

This organization has worked in the social aspect with dedicated emphasis. Thus has the Central Experimental High School Adult Health (CEBAS) morning and evening, open to the community, from this year.

Bachelor of Nursing. Power for all staff. A hostel for relatives who live far away and that includes food, housing and health.

You can set the play “curator” of twenty-five square meters, made by world renowned artist Ponciano Cardenas, installed in the dome of the Central Hall.

The Hospital has a cultural day (Prometheus) and a monthly newsletter (Kronos). Hospital was placed in the “Museo Evita” in the same rooms where Mrs. Eva Duarte de Perón spent her last stage of life, where women began to vote in the country.

In summary, we have tried to recreate a public hospital as a right to health and curing diseases of the population, a human right.

Avellaneda March 14th, 2011

(* Dr. Current director Jorge Trainini

(1) Public Hospital Presidente Peron, free, belongs to the Province of Buenos Aires of Argentina, its first director was Richard Finochietto with a model organization for his time, such as public health plan guided by Dr. Ramon Carrillo Prime Minister of Health in Argentina

(2) In relation to SAMO (ECONOMIC RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR ASSISTANCE TO COMPANIES AND SOCIAL WORKS) logrose a thousand percent increase (1,000%), which allows part of the recovery.

