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Something New!...A Drug Treatment for Stress Urinary Incontinence



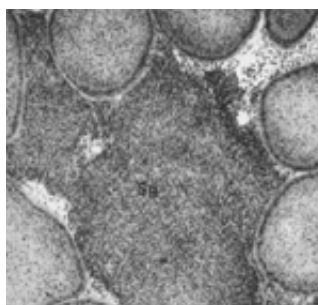
The first pharmacologic agent found effective in women with stress urinary incontinence (SUI) is being tested in an open label study. SUI is defined as the involuntary leakage of urine usually resulting from insufficient urethral pressure. The involuntary loss of urine often occurs during exercise, coughing, lifting or other sudden movements. SUI affects over 11 million women in the United States. Prior treatments have included Kegal exercises,

Greetings!

Welcome to all the new and returning subscribers to our Newsletter! Our continued goal is to provide a forum for discussing exciting new developments, office research protocols and answers to frequently asked questions in male fertility, male and female sexual function and complementary approaches for Urologic disease.

I appreciate all the great suggestions I continue to receive. Please e-mail me any questions, comments or suggestions for future topics.

A reader e-mails a question on fertility after a Vasectomy



My husband had a vasectomy done a while ago. He has a lump on his left testicle. Can he still produce sperm and can I become pregnant during unprotected intercourse? If not, is there a way he can have the tube that carries the sperm reattached? He

hasn't recently had a sperm count, should he get that done too? Thank you very much for your time.
Mrs. B

Dear Mrs. B, What you describe is most likely a sperm granuloma, however this can only be confirmed by physical examination of your husband. A sperm granuloma occurs after a vasectomy when sperm "leaks" out of the closed end of the vas deferens, the tube that carries sperm from the testis. It can be associated with the (unexpected) re-appearance of sperm in his ejaculate. However, most often it just acts as a "pressure relief valve." The only way to tell if sperm are present in the ejaculate is to have a semen analysis done. In addition, the presence of a granuloma is usually a good sign if you are considering a vasectomy reversal. It often is associated with viable sperm being present at the site of the re-connection, which correlates with a very high success rate.

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Interesting case!

behavior modification and in most cases surgery.

The drug being investigated is Duloxetine and in initial testing appears to be effective in treating these patients. It is a balanced 5HT & NE reuptake inhibitor that appears to work centrally, in the sacral spinal cord, to facilitate urethral sphincter activity.

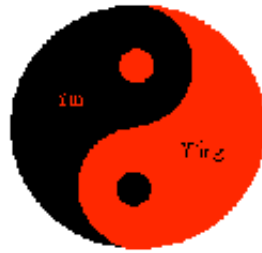
The safety and efficacy of Duloxetine has already been evaluated in randomized clinical studies involving over 4,100 patients. The adverse events noted were generally mild or moderate, transient, and decreased with continued dosing.

This study is a multicenter, open-labeled study of approximately 4,000 women at over 400 sites who meet the disease criteria for SUI defined as: loss of urine with coughing, sneezing, lifting or exercising, or stress predominant mixed urinary incontinence. If you have patients who might be interested in treating their urinary incontinence by participating in our clinical trial, please have them call our Clinical Research Coordinator Paul S. Walter, RPA-C at 516-487-2700.

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I was called by one of my colleagues with the following case. I'd be interested in your thoughts, comments and any clinical experience similar to this one.

Case presentation: The patient is a 36 year old heterosexual male with a single female partner for the past 5 years. For the past year he complains of pains in his toes and knees occurring only after ejaculation. He states "I have seen many doctors who were baffled by my complaint and only suggested psychological evaluation". He indicates that he doesn't feel that it's all in his head but is willing to pursue psychotherapy if there were no other option. One doctor prescribed Vioxx® (a non-narcotic pain reliever) which did give some partial relief. He asks what could be causing this and if there is anything that can treat it?

My Response: This is certainly an uncommon complaint. I assume that an unrevealing History and Physical examination was conducted by the previous Urologists. My review of Western medical literature yielded only two case reports suggesting a relationship between joint pain (back, hips and knees) with a decrease in testosterone and DHEA....It might be interesting to check these hormonal levels.

However, there is an "Eastern" diagnostic paradigm for these seemingly unrelated events. In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), both reproductive function and joint pain fall in the realm of "kidney excess and deficiencies." Several complementary modalities including acupuncture and herbal therapy have been effective. I might also suggest examination of this patient by an experienced TCM practitioner who might offer an insightful perspective.

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Flying High - Aviation Medicine Seminar Series Concludes



Advanced Aeromedical problems will be the focus of the last in the series of Aviation Medical

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Seminars. We will be discussing self-imposed stress, Hypoxia/Oxygen use and abuse,

altitude induced decompression sickness and cabin pressurization.

Same place, same time...Mid-Island FBO at McArthur Airport on Saturday, March 13th 8:30 AM till 10:00 AM.

Hope to see you there!

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