

Videos in Clinical Medicine — A New *Journal* Feature

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This week, the *Journal's* table of contents includes a new type of article, Videos in Clinical Medicine. Innovative technology affords us the opportunity to offer peer-reviewed educational videos that capitalize on the ability of moving images to teach procedures requiring skilled techniques and specialized physical examination. This first series of teaching videos is intended to help students, trainees, and younger physicians to learn procedural techniques from experienced colleagues. Our ultimate goal is to provide effective clinical instruction and improved patient care.

The video showing arterial line placement, the first of the series, is now on our Web site at www.nejm.org. For optimal viewing, the instructional videos will be displayed as streaming video in a version that includes chaptering and captions. The videos will also be available both in a downloadable file (of about 20 MB) and in a version compatible with handheld digital devices. We will release the initial group of four videos in the next six weeks or so, followed by additional contributions to Videos in Clinical Medicine later in the year. Each video will be from five to eight minutes

long and will be accompanied online by a printable summary to supplement the video. Currently, the Videos in Clinical Medicine are available free. After the introductory period, access will be limited to subscribers, including all those who access the Web site with institutional subscriptions.

We will apply the same high standards of quality to the videos that we strive to achieve with all material that we publish. The submission process will, of necessity, differ; we ask that all potential authors contact us before creating videos for submission.

The Videos in Clinical Medicine that are published on the *Journal* Web site will be listed in the print version of the *Journal* and will be indexed in Medline as review articles. These instructional videos can be cited in the literature and will be available indefinitely in an online archive. Like other Internet-only publications, Videos in Clinical Medicine are assigned electronic page numbers (e.g., e1) to make them easy to find and cite. We welcome your comments on our latest Web-only feature.

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