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Practice pointers from this issue of Nursing2007

- **Vancomycin** can lead to thrombocytopenia and potentially fatal bleeding in a small fraction of people (p. 30).
- **Cell phones don't interfere** with medical devices, according to a recent Mayo Clinic study (p. 34).
- **Opening windows in health care facilities** could help prevent the spread of airborne infections (p. 35).
- **Hetastarch**, a nonprotein colloid plasma volume expander, must be limited to 1,500 mL or less per 24 hours. Larger amounts can cause platelet and clotting factor VIII dysfunction, increasing the risk of bleeding (p. 40).
- **Measuring end-tidal carbon dioxide** with a simple colorimetric device can help reassure you that an endotracheal tube is placed correctly and that the patient is being adequately ventilated (p. 48).
- **Hoarseness** is commonly the first sign of laryngeal cancer (p. 50).

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