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## Practice pointers from this issue of Nursing2007

- **About the size of a credit card**, the new IONYSYS patient-controlled transdermal system delivers 80 doses of fentanyl and requires no pump (p. 27).
- **Aortic aneurysms** are commonly linked to atherosclerosis, but they can also develop in people with "clean" arteries (p. 38).
- **Change the wound treatment regimen** if a wound's measurement hasn't decreased in 2 weeks (p. 18).
- **When giving first aid for a cut or puncture of the eye or eyelid**, don't wash the eye with water or any other liquid (p. 47).
- **A diagnosis of fibromyalgia** takes an average of 5 years because of the lack of diagnostic tests specific to the disorder (p. 63).
- **The scabies mite** can't live for more than 3 days without a human host and isn't spread by casual contact (p. 28).

## CEs coming next month

- Sepsis
- Managing pain in patients who are opioid-tolerant
- Lower extremity ulcers

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