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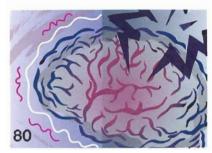
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Transfusion reaction

## Critical care feature:

Stevens-Johnson syndrome

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# Practice pointers from this issue of Nursing2007

- Acetaminophen is the only analgesic that doesn't alter the stages of sleep (p. 26).
- **Deaths from accidental poisoning,** mostly involving prescription drugs, are now second only to motor vehicle crashes as a cause of accidental death (p. 29).
- A 10% increase in nurse staffing and resources was associated with 17 fewer deaths per 1,000 discharged patients in a recent large study (p. 35).
- About half of all patients with atrial fibrillation will spontaneously convert to normal sinus rhythm in 24 to 48 hours (p. 39).
- Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Only 8% to 20% of patients are candidates for resection (pp. 54, 56).
- **New guidelines** from the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel include a revised definition for pressure ulcers and two new stages for the staging system (p. 66).

## **CEs coming next month**

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