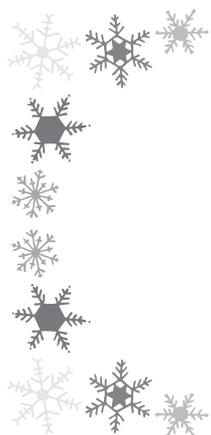


It is that time of year again—time to see if you have learned anything from the HKMJ, noticed what is going on around you in the world, or had any time at all to take in something beyond your medical practice. And if not, here is a chance to catch up on all the really significant events of 2010—and test your friends and relatives—with questions carefully researched and selected by our Editorial Board (answers on p.504).

1. Who was patient zero in this year's H1N1 pandemic and how has his/her status been commemorated?
 - a. The deputy mayor of Mexico City who was given a 'lifetime achievement award' for being the first to catch the virus
 - b. A CDC epidemiologist who has been placed on permanent sick leave
 - c. A 4-year-old Mexican boy who had a statue put up in his honour
 - d. A Californian pig farmer who got to star in the HBO biopic being made about how the novel virus developed
2. How did one of Hong Kong's junior hospital doctors define an 'alcoholic'?
 - a. Somebody who drinks more than his doctor
 - b. A man who drinks a bottle of beer over the weekend
 - c. A regular visitor to medical conferences
 - d. Anyone from Australia
3. Which of these won a 2009 Ig Nobel Prize awarded for bizarre or ridiculous research?
 - a. Cadiergues, Joubert and Franc's ground-breaking research proving that fleas living on dogs jump higher than fleas living on cats
 - b. Donald L Unger's investigation of a possible cause of arthritis by cracking the knuckles of his left hand only, every day, for over 60 years
4. Who/what was Nethersole?
 - a. The maiden name of Pamela, the wife of Sir Edward Youde
 - b. The maiden name of Alice, the wife of Dr Ho Kai
 - c. The name of the family to which Ho Miu Ling, Dr Ho Kai's sister, married
 - d. None of the above
5. What medical articles published in the *Hong Kong Medical Journal* over the last couple of years captured the public imagination worldwide?
 - a. Epilepsy can be induced by playing mahjong
 - b. Street ketamine use can lead to bladder dysfunction
 - c. Unbooked mainland mothers have higher stillbirth rates
 - d. All of the above
6. She graduated from an obscure medical college in upstate New York, became the first woman to qualify as a doctor in the United States, and later the first woman to be included in the British Medical Register. What is her name?
 - a. Elizabeth Garrett
 - b. Elizabeth Blackwell
 - c. Emily Blackwell
 - d. Sophia Jex-Blake
 - e. Dorothy Hodgkin



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