

systolic blood pressure slowly receded from 230. This put me squarely in the first group of nay-sayers to IV epinephrine for the non-moribund patient group.

Interestingly, there were an equal number of physicians who were in the alternative camp of considering IV epinephrine as a first-line agent, even in the moderate anaphylaxis patient. These were experienced emergency physicians, many from teaching or academic settings. The difference in practice was quite striking. In the Discussion section of this article,¹ I was surprised to see the relative paucity of case reports and research on this topic, as well as the conflicting recommendations available on when to move to IV epinephrine. This is certainly an area

that bears some further research and clinical scrutiny. I thank Dr. Shaver and colleagues for presenting this interesting case report.

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Erratum

There was an error in the Diagnostic Challenge¹ in the July issue of *CJEM*. In the last paragraph of the Commentary the article stated: “Interestingly, there have been no reports of SIPE [swimming-induced pulmonary edema] in Olympic swimmers, but there is one case published of a triathlete who developed dyspnea with slight hypoxia and right-sided pulmonary crackles some 8–9 hours after the swim.” Eight to nine hours was in fact, when the patient presented to the ED, not the time frame during which symptoms developed.

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