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Oral naltrexone is an FDA-approved medication for treating alcohol use disorders. Although its efficacy has been supported in multiple clinical trials, an earlier review found that its effect sizes on relapse to heavy drinking and, to a lesser extent, percent days drinking were smaller in more recent trials and in multicenter than in single-site studies. **MORE**

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Health Care Cost Institute

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Investigation Raises Debate About Doctors, Pain Pill Deaths

The Salt Lake Tribune

A Utah anesthesiologist has spent the past decade writing and lecturing about how to safely prescribe opioids, as use of the drugs exploded in the U.S. He created a widely used screening tool to identify patients at risk for abusing them. But he is also under federal scrutiny. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency is investigating overdose deaths of patients of his former pain clinic. MORE

UF physician argues that medical marijuana really isn't medicine

The Gainesville Sun

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Kelly Brownell, a Yale University professor of psychology and public health, is a vocal proponent of the view that the processed-food industry should be seen as a public health menace. "As a culture, we've become upset by the tobacco companies advertising to children, but we sit idly by while the food companies do the very same thing," Brownell said. "And we could make a claim that the toll taken on the public health by a poor diet rivals that taken by tobacco." MORE

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Mental Health Checkups as Important as Annual Physicals
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