Frequency and Predictors of Acute Hospitalization before Death in Patients with Glioblastoma
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This case-control study examined factors associated with acute hospital admission within one month of death in 385 patients with GBM. Nearly half were admitted within a month of death, mostly to manage neurologic decline. Of these, a third were admitted to ICU. In-hospital chaplaincy and being in a clinical trial, were associated with hospital admission within one month of death.

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Efficacy and safety of two methadone titration methods for the treatment of cancer-related pain: The EQUIMETH2 trial (methadone for cancer-related pain)
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A multicentre randomized controlled trial was used to assess the effectiveness of stop-and-go and progressive methadone titration in patients with cancer pain who did not have adequate pain relief or side effects from strong opioids. Most patients had improvement in pain (≥2 point reduction on the visual scale and a pain score <5 for 2 consecutive days); this was maintained for the 56 day follow-up period; there was no difference between groups. In both groups, 84% had adverse events; respiratory depression occurred in 12-14%.

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