

Department of Medicine

Current Research Activity

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Vornicu (2005, November). Primary Pericardial Mesothelioma. _Poster session presented at the PCIM Western Chapter Regional Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.

Abdul Waheed, Adla, & Heppner (2005, November). Myocarditis Presenting as Acute Anterior Wall MI Complicated by Ventricular Tachycardia. Poster session presented at the PCIM Western Chapter Regional Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.

Ledwich (2005, November). Effect of Dutasteride on High Grade Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia. Poster session presented at the PCIM Western Chapter Regional Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.

Macrino (2005, November). Examination of lower extremity hair growth in an elderly male population with a method peripheral arterial disease. Poster session presented at the PCIM Western Chapter Regional Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.

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