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## This Month's ANESTHESIOLOGY Journal CME

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## Learning Objective(s)

After completing this activity, the learner should be able to apply the principles of risk stratification to their practice, judge the relative merits of current public risk stratification systems, and recognize patients who are at increased risk of mortality based on their diagnosis codes.

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