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### 502 Validation of a Triage Algorithm for Psychiatric Screening (TAPS) for Patients With Psychiatric Chief Complaints

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An accurate, standardized tool is needed to detect the absence of acute medical illness in patients who present with psychiatric chief complaint. To this end, the authors developed a 6-question form, the triage algorithm for psychiatric screening, which aided physicians in determining which patients could safely bypass the main emergency department.

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Erik E. Langenau, DO; Dennis J. Dowling, MA, DO; Caitlin Dyer, MA; and William L. Roberts, EdD

The authors explore instances of specific osteopathic manipulative treatment modalities used on the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation. An enhanced Web-based scoring portal allowed physician-examiners to classify and code techniques with greater precision.

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Karen T. Snider, MS, DO, applies osteopathic manipulative treatment to a nursing home resident. Beginning on page 489, Dr Snider and colleagues describe the results of their pilot study, in which they compare the effects of preventative osteopathic manipulative treatment with light touch and treatment as usual in nursing home residents. (Cover image courtesy of the A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.)

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