

med school faculty member of national panel

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A faculty member from the University of Nevada School of Medicine was a member of the panel which formulated new clinical practice guidelines on treatment of unstable angine patients.

Julie A. Swain, M.D., professor and vice chairman of surgery for the medical school, served on the panel which was co-sponsored by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health. The guidelines -- the first ever developed for unstable angine -- offer clear recommendations to help medical practitioners make a quick and accurate diagnosis of unstable angina, an acute medical condition that can be life threatening. In 1991, more than half a million persons were hospitalized specifically because of unstable angina, and admissions are rising.

A press conference about the panel's findings is being held March 15 at the American College of Cardiology Meeting in Atlanta.

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