

## Snippets

### Snippets from the world wide web

*Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*, 2002; 31: 63

#### **Longer duration of breast-feeding improves immunity, intelligence**

Longer duration of breast-feeding reduces the risk of respiratory infections and improves adult intelligence; these findings support the AAP recommendation of exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/433149?srcmp=ped-05100>

#### **Bisphosphonates provide long-term benefit in osteogenesis imperfecta**

Pain is greatly reduced and bone density gradually increases when children with osteogenesis imperfecta maintain treatment with bisphosphonates for several years.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/433198?srcmp=ped-051002>

#### **Brief neonatal exposure to cows' milk not associated with atopic disease**

There is no association between brief neonatal exposure to cows' milk in breastfed children and atopic disease or allergic symptoms up to age 5 years, according to a report in the May issue of the Archives of Disease in Childhood.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/433452?srcmp=ped-051702>

#### **Learning disability common in children with ADHD**

About half of children diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) also have a learning disability.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/433957?srcmp=ped-052402>

#### **Acupuncture seen as ineffective in moderate asthma**

Patients with moderate persistent asthma do not benefit from short-term acupuncture therapy, according to a report in the May issue of Chest.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/434315?srcmp=rc-053102>

#### **Bone density of asthmatic children not affected by inhaled corticosteroid therapy**

Results of a cross-sectional study suggest that long-term inhaled corticosteroid therapy does not have a negative effect on bone mineral density (BMD) in asthmatic children.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/434397?srcmp=rc-053102>

#### **Gamete age not linked to Down syndrome, birth defects**

Timing of intercourse relative to ovulation is unimportant.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/433629?srcmp=ped-052402>

#### **Breast-feeding may protect against SIDS**

Infants who are exclusively breast-fed for at least 16 weeks are at lower risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) than infants breast-fed for shorter periods of time.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/434041?srcmp=ped-052402>

#### **BCG vaccine decreases severity but not incidence of TB**

The BCG vaccine does not prevent infection with tuberculosis but may decrease the risk of severe forms of the disease.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/434257?srcmp=ped-053102>

#### **Lamivudine moderately effective in children with chronic hepatitis B**

In children with chronic hepatitis B, lamivudine therapy is associated with a higher virologic response rate than placebo. Reuters Health Information 2002

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/434400?srcmp=ped-053102>

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