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Basement Membrane Thickening Seen in Children With Difficult Asthma

Thickening of epithelial reticular basement membrane (RBM) of airways occurs in children with difficult asthma to a similar extent as that seen in adults with asthma, a multinational team reports.

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Partial Splenectomy Effective for Congenital Haemolytic Anaemias

In children with hereditary spherocytosis and other congenital haemolytic anaemias, removing 80% to 90% of the spleen appears to control haemolysis and is associated with an improvement in symptoms, according to a report published in the February issue of the *Annals of Surgery*.

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Preterm Infants With Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Have Impaired Growth

Preterm infants with bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) have impaired growth compared with healthy infants, according to new findings published in the January issue of the *Archives of Diseases in Childhood Fetal and Neonatal Edition*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/flo/v/eaWL0EIZ1OODzQ0FVMT0AZ>

Metered-Dose Inhalers With Spacers Effective for Wheezing in Young Children

Metered-dose inhalers with spacers are at least as effective as nebulizers for the emergency room treatment of wheezing in children under 2 years old according to a report in the January *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*.

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G-CSF During Induction Improves Outcomes in Some Children With AML

The use of granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF) during induction improves outcome measures in some children with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML), according to a report in the November issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology*.

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Low MMR Vaccination Rates Prompt Fear of Measles Outbreak in Ireland

Ireland could be facing another large measles outbreak as vaccination levels with the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine drop and cases of the disease rise, authorities said on Wednesday.

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Electronic Fetal Monitoring Does Not Improve Outcome

This expensive practice is therefore not justified, according to the investigators of a randomized prospective trial.

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Ketamine Safe, Cost-Effective Anaesthetic for Short Procedures in Children

Ketamine is a safe alternative to other anaesthetic agents for paediatric patients undergoing MRI or CT scanning, and preferable because it is short-acting physicians reported this weekend at the New York State Society of Anaesthesiologists' 56th Postgraduate Assembly in Anaesthesiology.

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Outpatient Care Deemed Reasonable for Severe Malnutrition

Results of outpatient treatment for children with severe malnutrition exceed the minimum international standards for recovery, default and mortality rates, according to a retrospective cohort study completed in Ethiopia.

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Stem Cell Transplants Suggest 'Cure' for Severe Sickle Cell Disease

French researchers are talking about a potential cure for sickle cell disease after reporting an 85% disease-free survival rate for 69 children treated with stem cell transplants from sibling donors.

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Paediatric Blood Specimens Obtained Via IV Catheter More Likely Contaminated

Among paediatric patients, blood culture contamination rates are reduced if specimens are drawn from a separate site rather than from a newly inserted intravenous catheter, clinicians report in the Journal of the American Medical Association for February 12.

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Caesarean Section Birth May Be Associated With Increased Asthma Risk Later

People who were born by caesarean section are 33% more likely to develop asthma than people who were delivered spontaneously, according to a report by Danish investigators.

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Boys With Rapid Childhood Weight Gain Have Higher Blood Pressures

Rapid weight gain between the ages of 8 and 15 is associated with increased blood pressure in adolescent boys who were born thin, according to a report in the February 11th rapid access issue of Hypertension.

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ALVAC Vaccine Safe and Immunogenic in Infants Born to HIV-Infected Mothers

In the first neonatal HIV-1 vaccine trial of its kind, the ALVAC vaccine (Aventis Pasteur, Lyon, France) was safe and appeared to elicit an immunogenic response, according to a report presented here on Wednesday at the 10th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

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