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HCV-HIV International Panel Releases New Management Guidelines

The HCV-HIV International Panel has just published a new consensus statement addressing management of patients co-infected with HIV and hepatitis C (HCV).

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMD0EIZ1O0D1L0FqBb0AY>

Probiotics Well Tolerated, Safe in Infant Formula

In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial, infants given probiotic-supplemented formula had a lower rate of colic and use of antibiotics.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMg0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fp6i0AL>

Maternal Depression May Affect Children's Asthma Therapy Adherence

While maternal depressive symptoms are not associated with child asthma morbidity, they may significantly influence adherence to asthma treatment and illness management, according to a report in the February issue of Pediatrics.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMg0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fp6k0AN>

S. Africa AIDS Group Asks Government to Roll out Treatment

A South African AIDS pressure group on Sunday called on the government to urgently roll out a planned antiretroviral program, amid reports that 46 percent of patients in state hospitals were HIV positive.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMD0EIZ1O0D1L0FqBh0Ae>

Aluminium-Containing DTP Vaccines Appear Safe

Findings from a review and meta-analysis, reported in the February issue of The Lancet Infectious Diseases, suggest that the aluminium salts found in DTP vaccines cause no serious or lasting adverse effects.

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Stretching Method Reduces Need for Surgical Repair of Clubfoot

A stretching technique, known as the Ponseti method, is a safe and effective treatment for congenital clubfoot that dramatically reduces the need for extensive corrective surgery, according to a report in the Feb. 2 issue of Pediatrics.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMg0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fp6m0AP>

Activated Eosinophils Abundant in Children With Refractory Asthma

Airway eosinophilia seems to be a key feature of treatment-refractory asthma in children, according to a report published in the January issue of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMq0EIZ1O0D2x0Fp2r0A2>

Epinephrine and Albuterol Equally Effective in Infant Bronchiolitis

However, infants treated with epinephrine were judged well enough for ED discharge significantly earlier.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efMq0EIZ1O0D2x0Fp2w0A7>

Simplifying HAART May Facilitate Drug Resistance

In efforts to increase patient compliance and improve quality of life, much recent attention has focused on simplifying antiretroviral regimens. However, a series of reports presented at the 11th Annual Retrovirus Conference this week suggest that these regimens can be simplified too far, resulting in rapid treatment failure accompanied by the emergence of drug-resistant mutations.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/efRV0EIZ1O0D1L0Fqa50Ah>

Fluticasone Safe, Effective in Children With Recurrent Wheeze

In a 12-month, open-label, randomized trial, this drug was more efficacious than sodium cromoglycate in children aged 1 to 3 years.

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Antioxidants Tied to Asthma Risk in Children

Higher serum levels of beta-carotene, vitamin C and selenium are associated with lower asthma prevalence in youngsters, new study results indicate. The benefit appears to be strongest in children exposed to tobacco smoke.

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High Fatty Acid Levels Do Not Protect Against Asthma

Findings from a new study do not support previous reports that diets high in omega-3 fatty acids may reduce the risk of asthma or atopy in young adults. Moreover, high levels of an omega-6 fatty acid called dihomo gamma-linolenic acid (DHGLA) were actually associated with an asthma diagnosis.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/efRw0EIZ1O0D2x0FqXt0At>

New Virus Is a Major Cause of Respiratory Tract Infection in Children

Human metapneumovirus, a pathogen first isolated in 2001, is responsible for 12% of lower respiratory tract infections that occur in young children, according to a report published in the January 29th issue of The New England Journal of Medicine.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/efHI0EIZ1O0DzQ0FpXJ0AO>

New Stent Approach Helpful in Neonatal Heart Disease

Stenting of the neonatal arterial duct appears to be an appropriate means of treating duct-dependent pulmonary circulation, Belgian and Canadian researchers report in the January 7th issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/efHI0EIZ1O0DzQ0FpXL0AQ>

Infant Imports Measles From Philippines – Causes Outbreak in Alabama

In a report issued Thursday, federal health officials encourage physicians to include measles in the differential diagnosis for febrile rash illnesses in infants who have recently travelled abroad, particularly to areas where measles is endemic.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/efCv0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fo700Ay>

Canadian Hospital Recalls Patients Over HIV Case

A Canadian children's hospital recalled more than 2600 patients on Thursday to be tested for HIV because they had been operated on by a doctor who was HIV-positive.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/efCv0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fo7P0Az>

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