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Snippets from the world wide web

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Unrelated Cord Blood Helpful in Hurler's Syndrome

Cord blood from unrelated donors provided an excellent source for stem cell transplant to treat children with this progressive neurodegenerative disease.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/egoH0EIZ1O0DzQ0FxxwP0AD>

Early Exposure to Other Children, Animals Protects Against Atopic Dermatitis

In a cohort study, risk decreased with each additional exposure to three or more siblings, day care, pet ownership, and farm residence.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/egoH0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fxy60An>

Breastfeeding Lowers Mortality Rate in US Infants

Breastfeeding is known to safeguard infants in developing countries from death due to infectious diseases. Now a new study shows that breast-feeding is protective even in countries where infectious diseases are less likely to cause infant mortality, epidemiologists report in the May issue of *Pediatrics*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/egoH0EIZ1O0DzQ0FxFX0AW>

Report Predicts Asthma Epidemic From Air Pollution, Climate Warming

Poor and minority children are increasingly likely to develop asthma due to global warming and air pollution, environmental experts predicted.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eggT0EIZ1O0DzQ0FxEq0Ay>

Neonatal Diabetes May Sometimes Be Treatable With Sulfonylureas

Some cases of neonatal diabetes result from activating mutations in the ATP-sensitive potassium channel (K-ATP), an international research team reports.

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Childhood Appendicitis May Mimic Malignancy

A just-published paper describes 3 cases of complex appendicitis in children in which clinical and radiological assessment initially indicated pelvic malignancy.

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Inhaled Budesonide Recommended for Persistent Asthma in Very Young Children

Because of its ease of use and its strong efficacy and safety record, budesonide is an appropriate first-line therapy for young patients with persistent asthma.

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Very Low Birthweight Children Face Long-Term Complications

Very low birthweight children remain smaller than normal birthweight children and face a higher risk of premature adrenarche at age 7 years, according to a report in the April issue of *Archives of Diseases in Children*.

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Raynaud's Phenomenon of the Nipple May Cause Painful Breastfeeding

Prompt treatment allows mothers to continue to breastfeed pain-free, and it avoids unnecessary antifungal therapy for misdiagnosed *C albicans*.

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Pertussis Outbreak at School Shows Disease Is Not Limited to Infants

The CDC describes a recent pertussis outbreak that began at a middle school in Arizona and spread to surrounding communities.

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Subdural Hemorrhage Does Not Always Indicate Excessive Birth Trauma

In a prospective study of neonates, these lesions had completely resolved by 4 weeks and did not require intervention.

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Authors of 1998 MMR-Autism Lancet Paper Formally Reject Causal Association

Ten co-authors of the controversial study have now said there was not enough evidence to conclude that MMR vaccination might cause autism.

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Breakthrough Varicella Milder After Vaccination, but Rash Lasts as Long

In an outbreak of chickenpox in 2003, varicella vaccination was associated with fewer lesions and less morbidity but duration of rash was about the same regardless of vaccination status.

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Meningitis May Be Underdiagnosed in Very Low Birth Weight Infants

Meningitis may be underdiagnosed among very low birth weight infants as a result of the failure to perform lumbar puncture when sepsis is suspected, according to a report in the May issue of Pediatrics.

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K. kingae Increasingly Seen as Cause for Bone Infections in Children – CDC

Kingella kingae, a gram-negative bacterium that colonizes the upper respiratory tract, is increasingly being recognized as cause of skeletal infections in children. In a new report, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes three cases of osteomyelitis/septic arthritis that occurred at a day care center last year.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/efug0EIZ1O0DzQ0Ftmv0Af>

Weight Loss Curbs Atherogenic Risks in Obese Children

Data showed that a relatively small body mass index reduction significantly improved cardiovascular risk factors.

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Neutrophil Counts Not Helpful in Managing Asymptomatic Neonates Exposed to chorioamnionitis

In a prospective study, single or serial counts did not assist in diagnosing early-onset infection or determining duration of antibiotic therapy.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/egwe0EIZ1O0DzQ0Fx8b0A4>

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