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Adolescents With Growth Hormone Deficiency May Not Need Treatment Once They Reach Adult Height

A randomized trial suggests that GHD adolescents of good metabolic status at epiphyseal fusion may safely discontinue growth hormone for at least 2 years, with careful follow-up.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eot30EIZ1O0DzQ0GbCb0EE>

Control of Graves Disease Important in Pregnancy

Pregnant women with poorly controlled Graves' disease can pass thyroid hormone to the fetus, leading to central hypothyroidism, Japanese investigators report in the May issue of *Pediatrics Electronic Pages*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eot30EIZ1O0DzQ0Gb8v0EN>

Pravastatin Safe in Children With Hypercholesterolemia

Children with familial hypercholesterolemia age 4 or older can be treated safely with pravastatin, results of a Finnish study show, and a satisfactory reduction in total- and LDL-cholesterol can be expected in those with slight or moderate but not severe hypercholesterolemia.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eot30EIZ1O0DzQ0Gb2P0Ed>

US Approves GlaxoSmithKline Pertussis Vaccine

A new GlaxoSmithKline Plc vaccine to boost the immunity of adolescents against pertussis won US approval recently.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eot30EIZ1O0DzQ0GbXE0E5>

Indonesia Fights Polio After First Case in a Decade

An 18-month-old infant in Indonesia has contracted polio, the first case in the country in a decade and a fresh setback to the global drive to eradicate the disease, according to the World Health Organization.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eot30EIZ1O0DzQ0GcAs0EU>

Four Cases of Polio Found in Yemen, WHO Says

Officials have identified 4 cases of polio in the Yemeni port city of al-Hudaydah, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). These are the first reported cases of polio in Yemen since 1996.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eofP0EIZ1O0DzQ0GbAX0EH>

Meningococcal Vaccine May Be Ineffective in Infants

Serogroup C meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine confers a high level of protection among school-age children, but results of a nested case-control study suggest that children younger than age 2 remain susceptible to infection following vaccination.

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Pulmonary Chemokine Patterns Differ in Asthma and Chronic Cough

Different patterns of pulmonary chemokines and their receptors can differentiate asthma and chronic cough in children, according to a new report.

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New Maternal Infections Linked to Congenital Eye Anomalies

Maternal infection with rubella, toxoplasmosis, varicella, and cytomegalovirus has been linked to anophthalmos and microphthalmos, and now new research implicates influenza and Parvovirus infections.

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Color Doppler Ultrasound May Be Helpful in Diagnosing Necrotizing Enterocolitis

A study suggests that this technique is more accurate than abdominal radiography for diagnosing necrotizing enterocolitis in premature infants.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eofP0EIZ1O0DzQ0GaY40E3>

Artemether-Lumefantrine May Be a Superior Combination for Malaria Treatment in Resistant Areas

This combination was effective in a four-group randomized study in resistant areas, and a second randomized study showed similar cure rates for supervised and unsupervised therapy.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eofP0EIZ1O0DzQ0GaRN0EN>

Theophylline Possibly Should Be Considered Early in Management of Pediatric Status Asthmaticus

In a randomized study, theophylline was as good as terbutaline or the two combined for critically ill children already taking continuous nebulized albuterol and systemic steroids.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eoNh0EIZ1O0DzQ0GZSv0Ev>

Antibiotics' Effects on Cystic Fibrosis Not Mediated by Ion Transport

The apparent beneficial effects of macrolide antibiotics on pulmonary function in patients with cystic fibrosis do not appear to be mediated by modulation of ion transport, according to a new report.

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Intermittent Inhaled or Oral Steroids May Be Sufficient for Mild Persistent Asthma

The editorialist calls this a pioneering study and states that at present, asthma should be treated with the least medication required to achieve control.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eoCB0EIZ1O0DzQ0GY6K0Et>

Many Pediatricians Support Hastening Death of Critically Ill Infants

Most pediatricians in Flanders, Belgium believe that their professional duty sometimes includes hastening the death of critically ill infants to prevent unnecessary suffering, according to results of a survey reported in April 9th issue of Lancet. The survey also showed that most physicians support legislation that would allow the use of lethal drugs in certain cases.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eoCB0EIZ1O0DzQ0GYSS0EW>

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