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Waist Circumference May Predict Insulin Resistance Syndrome in Children

The investigators suggest that measuring children's waists should be routine clinical practice to identify children at risk.

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Circumcision Prevents UTIs, but Risk-Benefit Ratio Is Debatable

Results of a meta-analysis confirm that male circumcision reduces the risk of urinary tract infections — but more than 100 boys need to be circumcised to prevent one UTI.

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Prophylaxis Cuts Jaundice Risk, Doesn't Affect Breastfeeding

Giving breast-fed infants a few ounces of a beta-glucuronidase inhibitor daily for the first week of life reduces their risk of developing jaundice, according to a new report in the August issue of Pediatrics.

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Fluticasone Propionate-Salmeterol Safe in Children With Persistent Asthma

In children with persistent asthma, twice daily treatment with fluticasone propionate-salmeterol is well tolerated with a safety profile similar to fluticasone propionate alone, investigators report in the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology* for July.

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Psychiatric Polypharmacy in Children on the Rise

The practice of prescribing multiple psychotropic medications to children and adolescents has increased over the last decade, results of a literature review suggest.

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Montelukast Similar to Fluticasone for Mild Childhood Asthma

Montelukast compares favorably with fluticasone in controlling mild asthma in children 6 to 11 years old, according to a report in the August issue of Pediatrics.

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Hydrocortisone for Neonatal Lung Disease Does not Impair Brain Development

Corticosteroid treatment of neonatal chronic lung disease with hydrocortisone, rather than dexamethasone, does not result in impaired structural or functional brain development, according to a report in the July issue of Pediatrics.

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Resistant HIV in Mother and Infants Reduced With Three-Drug Combination

A randomized trial suggested that adding lamivudine and zidovudine to nevirapine for vertical prophylaxis reduced the rate of drug-resistant HIV in mothers and infants.

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Obesity, Diabetes-Linked Gene Found on Chromosome 6

French researchers have identified a gene associated with increased risk for obesity and type 2 diabetes in European children and adults.

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Buccal Midazolam May Be Better Than Rectal Diazepam for Acute Seizures in Children

In a randomized trial, buccal midazolam was more effective for children presenting to a hospital with acute seizures and was not associated with increased incidence of respiratory depression.

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Methotrexate Helpful Against Uveitis in Children

Low-dose methotrexate appears to be a safe and effective treatment for chronic anterior and intermediate uveitis in children, UK researchers report in the July issue of the British Journal of Ophthalmology.

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Immunoglobulin Speeds Recovery in Childhood Guillain-Barre

Intravenously administered immunoglobulin may hasten recovery in children with Guillain-Barre syndrome, but shows no other beneficial effects, German researchers report in the July issue of Pediatrics.

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Miniature Ventricular Assist Device May Be Useful in Children

A rotary dynamic ventricular assist device has been developed specifically for use in children, even newborns, with heart failure.

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Small Bowel Injury Common With Child Abuse Involving Abdomen

Half of children with abdominal injuries due to abuse have damage to the small intestine, new research indicates. By contrast, with accidental abdominal injuries, the small bowel is affected in no more than a fifth of cases.

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Coronary Dilation in Juvenile Arthritis Can Resemble Kawasaki Disease

Coronary artery dilation is a fairly common finding among patients with systemic-onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and may resemble that seen with Kawasaki disease, according to a report in the July issue of Pediatrics.

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