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Reduced Carbohydrate Intake May Lower Cardiovascular Risk

In a healthful diet, partial substitution of carbohydrate with either protein or mono-unsaturated fat may further lower blood pressure, improve lipid levels, and reduce cardiac risk.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4rD0Em>

Fish Oil Supplements Improve Lipid Risk Factors in Obese Children

In a small, randomized study, triglyceride levels decreased and HDL cholesterol levels increased; total cholesterol/HDL and total cholesterol/LDL ratios also improved.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4rR0E1>

High-Resolution CT Scans Reveal Airway Remodeling in Severe Asthma

High-resolution CT scans can quantify airway remodeling in children with severe asthma, according to a report in the October *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4rz0Eg>

Hypertension Is Not a "Silent" Disease in Children

This study showed that elevated blood pressure was associated with frequent headaches and sleep trouble in youngsters.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4rK0Et>

IgE Antibodies to Inhaled Allergens Predict Wheeze in Young Children

Serum levels of IgE antibodies to common allergens can predict the likelihood of persistent wheeze and reduced lung function among preschool-aged children, a new study shows.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4r20EU>

Chorioamnionitis Tied to Intraventricular Hemorrhage in Premature Infants

Very low birth weight infants with chorioamnionitis appear to be at increased risk of intraventricular hemorrhage and retinopathy of prematurity, but not developmental impairment, researchers report in the November issue of the *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4rT0E3>

Transdermal Fentanyl Effective for Pediatric Pain Patients

A study showed that a transdermal patch delivering the opioid fentanyl is a safe and effective way to control moderate to severe chronic pain in children aged 2 and older with previous exposure to opioid therapy.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4uZ0ED>

Risk of Birth Defects With Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection Warrants Study

Children conceived by intracytoplasmic sperm injection do not have delayed or abnormal neurodevelopment, a study shows, but they do appear to be at higher risk for congenital malformations.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4v20EY>

MRI Corresponds With Neurodevelopmental Outcome in Preterms

The results of a study published in the November issue of the Archives of Diseases in Childhood-Fetal and Neonatal Edition, suggest that a normal neonatal cranial ultrasound excludes severe lesions on magnetic resonance imaging in most infants born preterm. MRI is more strongly correlated with mean IQ and median total impairment score than is ultrasound at school age.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4u50Ea>

Tamiflu Link Probed in Deaths of Two Japanese Youths

Japan's Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. said it has told the government that 2 teenage boys exhibited abnormal behavior that led to their deaths after taking the anti-flu drug Tamiflu, made by Chugai's Swiss parent Roche Holding AG.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/evSP0EIZ1O0DzQ0G4tj0ES>

A New Method May Predict Adult Height of Adolescents

The technique was a valid, noninvasive, inexpensive, and simple method of predicting adult height in adolescent children, at least in white people who are free of growth-limiting diseases.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eub20EIZ1O0DzQ0G1m80EC>

Pneumonia in Older Adults May Have Decreased Because of Conjugate Pneumococcal Vaccine Use in Children

A study suggested that use of conjugate vaccine in children has substantially benefited older adults, more so in healthier persons than in those with certain comorbid conditions.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eub20EIZ1O0DzQ0G1nz0EJ>

Cochrane Review Refutes Link Between MMR Vaccination and Serious Illness

An extensive Cochrane Collaboration review of studies examining outcomes after immunization with the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine has turned up no credible evidence that the vaccine is associated with autism or Crohn's disease or other serious illnesses.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eub20EIZ1O0DzQ0G1mj0E1>

C-Section Not Tied to Childhood Asthma

The mode of delivery at birth, whether by cesarean section or vaginally, appears to have no bearing on the subsequent development of asthma, according to researchers.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eub20EIZ1O0DzQ0G1k10E1>

Boosters May Not Be Needed 10 Years After Childhood Vaccination for HBV

A study suggested that strong immunologic memory persists more than 10 years after immunization of infants and adolescents with a primary course of vaccination.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/euMz0EIZ1O0DzQ0Gzez0EE>

Inhaled Insulin May Improve Glycemic Control Without Altering Pulmonary Function

An open-label, randomized trial suggested that inhaled insulin improved glycemic control when added to oral agents in type 2 diabetes without altering pulmonary function.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/euMz0EIZ1O0DzQ0Gzdy0EC>

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