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Misuse of Home Nebulizers High Among Inner-City Children With Asthma

Nebulizer misuse sets up poor long-term asthma control and increases the risk of asthma-related death.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBBvk0EIZ1O0DzQ0H1EQ0EU>

Prebiotics Reduce the Risk of Atopic Dermatitis

A mixture of prebiotic oligosaccharides given to infants at risk for atopy reduces the occurrence of atopic dermatitis during the first 6 months of life, according to results of a study published in the October issue of the Archives of Disease in Childhood.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBBvk0EIZ1O0DzQ0H1EZ0ED>

Connectivity Patterns in Brain Altered in Autism

The number of neural connections in the left temporal lobe is abnormally high in the brains of patients with autism, while connectivity between the frontal lobe and the rest of the brain is decreased.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBBvk0EIZ1O0DzQ0H1Hy0ED>

Gestational Age and Birth Weight Associated With Subsequent School Performance

Compared with term infants, even moderately premature or underweight infants may perform less well academically in childhood, according to findings published in the October issue of Pediatrics.

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Adolescent Migraine Tends to Subside With Age

A large proportion of children and teens who suffer from migraines will eventually outgrow them, a new study suggests.

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Bacterial Tracheitis Reappears as Life-Threatening Upper Airway Infection

Bacterial tracheitis has reemerged as a potentially life-threatening infection in children and adolescents, according to a report in the October issue of Pediatrics.

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Observation Usually Indicated for Acute Otitis Media in Children

Findings from a meta-analysis of trial data suggest that in most children with acute otitis media, a period of observation without the use of antibiotics is warranted. This is because the etiology is typically viral and the disease will likely resolve on its own.

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Perinatal Antiretroviral Drug Exposure Does Not Impair Neurodevelopment

Neurodevelopment is unaffected in children not infected with HIV but who are exposed perinatally to antiretroviral drugs, according to a report in the October issue of Pediatrics.

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Vitamins in Pregnancy May Cut Brain Tumor Risk in Offspring

Maternal use of vitamin supplements appears to reduce the risk of medulloblastoma /primitive neuroectodermal tumors of the brain (PNET) in children, according to researchers.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBBM20EIZ1O0DzQ0Hyc40E4>

Pertussis Reemerges Among Teens, Infants Due to Waning Immunity

Researchers also discussed new thinking about bronchiolitis and croup.

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Arthroscopic Synovectomy Helpful in Early Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

Arthroscopic synovectomy may be useful for some patients with oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA), particularly early in the disease, according to a report in the September issue of The Journal of Rheumatology.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBBM20EIZ1O0DzQ0Hycy0EE>

EU Urged to Vaccinate Girls Against Cervical Cancer

All adolescent girls in European Union countries should be vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV), which is linked to most cases of cervical cancer, a leading medical journal said on Friday.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBA3F0EIZ1O0DzQ0HxMV0E8>

Sutureless Circumcision Safe, Effective Alternative to Standard Procedure

The average skin closure time was 3 minutes overall and less than 90 seconds for the last 20 patients; no intraoperative or postoperative complications were observed.

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Sublingual Immunotherapy Effective in Children With Tree Pollen Allergy

In a study of Finnish children with tree pollen-induced allergic rhinoconjunctivitis with or without seasonal asthma, allergen-specific sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT) reduced allergic symptoms, relative to placebo, and was generally well tolerated.

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Head Growth in Infancy Seen to Determine Later Intelligence

Head growth in fetal life and infancy is associated with later intelligence, results of a study published in the October issue of Pediatrics suggest. Moreover, catch-up increases do not appear to compensate for poor early growth.

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