

## Snippets

### Snippets from the world wide web

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#### ***Cup-Feeding Not Recommended Over Bottle-Feeding as a Supplement to Breast-Feeding***

In a meta-analysis, cup-feeding, in newborns and infants born to mothers who were unable to breast-feed, was not recommended over bottle-feeding and was associated with longer hospital stay.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBOSH0EIZ1O0DzQ0IXWY0Ed>

#### ***Pediatric Obesity Linked to Otitis Media With Effusion***

A prospective, nonrandomized, case-control study suggests that childhood obesity may be associated with the occurrence of otitis media with effusion.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBOSH0EIZ1O0DzQ0IXWa0EI>

#### ***Non-Vaccine-Serotype Pneumococcal Disease on Rise Among Alaskan Children***

The heptavalent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) has been highly effective in protecting Alaska Native children since it was added to routine childhood vaccine in 2001, investigators report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for April 25.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBOSH0EIZ1O0DzQ0IXmV0Ew>

#### ***Parents' Fear Influences Use of Emergency Care by Kids With Asthma***

Parents' psychological responses to asthma attacks are among the strongest motivators of bringing their child to accident and emergency (A&E) services, according to a case-control study conducted in London.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBOSH0EIZ1O0DzQ0IXoz0Ea>

#### ***Merck's Singulair Wins Exercise-Induced Asthma Indication***

Merck & Co. on Wednesday said U.S. regulators have approved use of Singulair (montelukast) to prevent exercise-related asthma attacks among patients 15 and older.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBOSH0EIZ1O0DzQ0IXo30EP>

#### ***Melanoma in Children and Teenagers Differs From That in Young Adults***

The demographics, presentation, and outcome of children and teenagers with melanoma differ from those of young adults, according to findings published in the April issue of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. The results suggest melanoma may be biologically different in children and adolescents.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBOSH0EIZ1O0DzQ0IXmv0EU>

#### ***Paracetamol Offers Rapid Pain Relief in Children With Intact Blood-Brain Barrier***

A study showed that intravenously injected paracetamol (acetaminophen) permeates readily into the cerebrospinal fluid of children, thus allowing rapid central analgesic and antipyretic action.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IwVs0ES>

#### ***Peppermint Oil May Relieve Digestive Symptoms, Headaches***

A review showed that peppermint oil was effective in treating digestive disorders and other conditions including headaches; high dosages may cause adverse effects.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IwVq0EQ>

### ***Routine Pediatric Rotavirus Vaccination Might Be Worthwhile in US***

In 2006, an orally administered pentavalent human-bovine reassortant rotavirus vaccine was licensed and recommended for routine immunization of all children in the United States, but researchers report in April issue of Pediatrics that although such an approach might be cost-effective, it is unlikely to be cost saving.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IWmu0Er>

### ***Potent Monovalent Poliovirus Vaccine More Effective Than Trivalent Vaccine***

A monovalent viral type 1 poliovirus vaccine (mOPV1) is nearly three times as effective in inducing an immune response to type 1 poliovirus as the previously used trivalent vaccine, according to a case-control study conducted in India.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IWXw0EY>

### ***Birth Weight Associated With Infection Risk Throughout Childhood***

Birth weight is inversely associated with the risk of infectious disease hospitalization during childhood, according to results of a study published in the April 1st issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IWNk0Ei>

### ***Circumcision May Reduce Penile Sensitivity***

Findings from a new study suggest that circumcised penises are less sensitive than their uncircumcised counterparts.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IWWB0Ee>

### ***Many Clinicians Believe Religion, Spirituality Benefit Patients' Health***

A study showed that many clinicians believe religion and spirituality have a positive effect on patients' health; clinicians' beliefs also influence their clinical observations.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNEJ0EIZ1O0DzQ0IVOr0Ef>

### ***Magnesium Sulfate May Protect Very Preterm Infants From Brain Injury***

Magnesium sulfate given before very preterm birth may protect infants against brain injury without harming the mother, according to a report in the March issue of BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. However, the benefit is not strong enough to recommend widespread adoption of the strategy.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IWXs0EU>

### ***Restrictive Transfusion Strategy Safe in Critically Ill Children***

Among critically ill but stable children being treated in ICUs, a hemoglobin threshold of 7 g/dL for red-cell blood transfusion is not inferior to a treatment strategy using a hemoglobin threshold of 9.5 g/dL, according to the results of the Transfusion Requirements in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (TRIPICU) Study.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNhM0EIZ1O0DzQ0IWIln0Ej>

### ***Mediterranean Diet May Protect Against Childhood Asthma-Like Symptoms and Rhinitis***

Greek children who had a high intake of fruits, vegetables, and nuts and adhered to a Mediterranean diet were protected against asthma-like symptoms and rhinitis.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNEJ0EIZ1O0DzQ0IVMG0Eu>

### ***Pneumococcal Vaccine May Reduce Pediatric Pneumonia Hospitalizations***

An analysis suggests that use of pneumococcal vaccine in children younger than 2 years reduces all-cause and pneumococcal pneumonia hospital admissions.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBNEJ0EIZ1O0DzQ0IVio0E3>

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