

## Snippets

### **Snippets from the world wide web**

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#### ***Emerging Drugs for Active Tuberculosis***

Is there hope on the horizon for active TB treatment? Seven potential drugs for treating tuberculosis are reviewed in this article.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eBz4f0EIZ1O0D2x0Jpdy0Ew&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Lateral Position May Lessen Pneumonia Risk in Ventilated Infants***

Tracheal colonization of ventilated infants is reduced in those positioned laterally compared to those in a supine position, researchers report in the October issue of Pediatrics.

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#### ***Teen Pregnancy Linked to Watching Sexually Explicit Television***

Teenagers with high levels of exposure to sexually explicit programs are twice as likely to become pregnant or father a child before the age of 20 years compared with their peers who watch few such shows, new research suggests.

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#### ***Phototherapy May Reduce Neurodevelopmental Impairment in Preterm Infants***

Aggressive phototherapy may provide important advantages for preterm infants, a new study shows, but for low-birth-weight infants, treatment may also increase the risk for death, and caution is urged.

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#### ***Antibiotic Prophylaxis May Not Reduce Recurrent Febrile Urinary Tract Infection***

In a randomized controlled trial, antibiotic prophylaxis did not reduce the rate of febrile urinary tract infection recurrence in children with or without primary nonsevere vesicoureteral reflux.

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#### ***Inhaled Nitric Oxide Promising for Preterm Infants***

Very low birth weight infants who are treated with inhaled nitric oxide are significantly less likely to use outpatient respiratory medications after NICU discharge, according to findings published in the October issue of the Journal of Pediatrics.

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#### ***Ventricular Septal Defect in Childhood Does Not Limit Exercise Capacity***

Children with an isolated ventricular septal defect are generally as healthy and physically fit as other children and should not be discouraged from engaging in strenuous exercise, a Dutch research team has found.

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#### ***Etanercept Safe for Long-Term Treatment of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis***

The TNF-blocker etanercept is safe and effective for treating children with polyarticular or systemic juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, according to preliminary findings of a prospective, open-label, nonrandomized registry study involving more than 600 pediatric patients.

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#### ***Pulse Oximetry Screening Fails to Spot Congenital Heart Defects in Neonates***

Pulse oximetry screening of neonates at 4 hours of age is not effective in detecting critical congenital heart defects, Dallas-based researchers report in the October issue of Pediatrics. In fact, pulse oximetry screening failed to detect any critical congenital heart defects in a large series of newborns over a 12-month period.

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***Infants With Preauricular Skin Tags or Ear Pits Have Higher Risk for Impaired Hearing***

Infants with preauricular skin tags and/or ear pits (PSEP) face an increased risk of permanent hearing impairment, according to a report in the October issue of Pediatrics.

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***Suboptimal Asthma Control Common in Children, Linked to Parental Beliefs***

Asthma control in over one in three children with asthma is not as good as it could be, and in many cases the suboptimal control relates to potentially modifiable parental beliefs.

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***Infections at First Year of Life May Increase Subsequent Risk for Rheumatoid Arthritis***

A large population-based case-control study shows that infections during the first year of life may increase the risk for rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile idiopathic arthritis later in life.

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***Wheezing Illness Due to Rhinovirus in Early Childhood Linked to Asthma Risk***

Among viral wheezing illnesses in infancy and early childhood, those due to rhinovirus are most strongly associated with the development of asthma, according to study results published in the October 1st issue of the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eBx2O0EI Z1O0DzQ0JmCY0Eu&uac=60307BR>

***Breastfeeding May Reduce Child's Risk of Asthma More Than 20%***

Breastfeeding reduces risk of childhood wheeze, whether related to viral infections or multiple triggers, for the first 3 years of life, investigators announced here at the 18th Annual Congress of the European Respiratory Society.

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***Probiotics May Prevent Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Very Low Birth Weight Infants***

A multicenter, randomized controlled trial shows that specific probiotics may reduce the risk for necrotizing enterocolitis and death in very low birth weight preterm infants.

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***Lower IQ Seen in Children Born After Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection***

In a relatively small study, the cognitive development of 5- to 8-year-old singletons born after intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) was slightly lower than that of matched children born after in vitro fertilization (IVF) or natural conception.

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***Infant Diet Including Fish May Reduce Risk of Developing Eczema***

A prospective, longitudinal study shows that an infant diet including fish before the age of 9 months is associated with a lower risk for the development of eczema.

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***Sublingual Immunotherapy Helps Prevent Asthma in Children With Allergic Rhinitis***

In children with allergic rhinitis, sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT) can help prevent mild persistent asthma and new skin sensitizations and can reduce bronchial hyperactivity, Italian researchers report.

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