

## Snippets

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#### ***Gifts to Doctors Must Be Disclosed Under U.S. Bill***

Drug and medical device manufacturers would need to publicly disclose all doctor payments and gifts exceeding \$100 per year under U.S. legislation unveiled on Thursday.

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#### ***Hallucinations, Other Psychotic Symptoms in Children Linked to Use of ADHD Medications***

Clinicians, patients, and parents should be aware that psychotic symptoms or mania arising in children treated with standard, approved drugs for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder may constitute an adverse drug reaction, FDA research suggests.

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#### ***Oral Prednisolone May Not Be Helpful for Acute Virus-Induced Wheezing in Children***

Oral prednisolone was not superior to placebo in shortening hospitalization or improving other outcomes in preschool children with mild to moderate wheezing associated with a virus infection.

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#### ***Efficacy of Pneumococcal Vaccine Questionable: Meta-Analysis***

Results of a meta-analysis call into question the ability of pneumococcal vaccination to prevent pneumonia in adults, even in populations for whom the vaccine is currently recommended, researchers from Switzerland and the UK conclude in a report released today.

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#### ***Increasing Prevalence of Serotype 6C After Introduction of Pneumococcal Vaccine***

Introduction of the 7-valent conjugate vaccine (PCV7) has led to increases in invasive pneumococcal disease caused by serotype 6C, but decreases in invasive pneumococcal disease caused by serotype 6A, according to a new report.

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#### ***Paediatric Pneumonia Hospitalizations Decreased After Introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine***

Most of the decrease in hospitalizations for all-cause pneumonia among children younger than 2 years occurred soon after PCV7 was licensed in 2000, with little change in rates subsequently.

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#### ***Milk Oral Immunotherapy Shows Promise for Cow's Milk Allergic Children***

Cow's milk oral immunotherapy appears to desensitize milk allergic children, a study indicates, although further work is needed to determine optimal dosing and duration of therapy as well as whether permanent tolerance can be achieved, the study team emphasizes.

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#### ***First Simple Febrile Seizure in Some Young Children Not Likely Bacterial Meningitis***

A retrospective cohort review suggests that lumbar puncture may not be necessary for a first simple febrile seizure at ages 6 to 18 months because the risk for bacterial meningitis is very low.

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#### ***Saliva Test for Autism on the Horizon?***

The discovery of abnormal salivary peptides in patients with autism spectrum disorder may prove to be a useful biomarker for the disorder, a small study suggests.

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#### ***New ALL Subtype Identified, Associated With Poor Prognosis***

A new subtype of paediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) has been identified, and it appears to be the most common childhood ALL with a poor prognosis.

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***Oral Ibuprofen Has Advantages in Very Low Birth Weight Neonates With Patent Ductus Arteriosus***

The rates of early ductal closure are comparable for oral ibuprofen and intravenous ibuprofen in very low birth weight infants with patent ductus arteriosus, according to the results of a pilot study. But fewer adverse effects were seen with the oral formulation.

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***Montelukast Ineffective for Bronchiolitis in Hospitalized Infants***

The cysteinyl leukotriene receptor antagonist montelukast is of no benefit in treating acute bronchiolitis in hospitalized infants, according to a report in the December issue of Pediatrics.

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***Loss of Bone Mineral Density Seen in Adolescent Girls Using DMPA***

Adolescent females who use depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA) for contraception have a significant loss of bone mineral density (BMD) compared to control subjects, results of a study indicate.

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***Prolonged Empiric Antibiotics May Increase Risk for Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Certain Infants***

In extremely-low-birth-weight infants, prolonged initial empiric antibiotics should be used with caution because they may be associated with an increased risk for necrotizing enterocolitis or death.

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