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Early Childhood Respiratory Illness a "Huge" Risk Factor for Asthma

A history of pneumonia in infancy was associated with an incidence of asthma later in childhood more than 2-fold higher.

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Portable Nitric Oxide Monitoring Aids Asthma Diagnosis

Fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FENO) measurement by means of a portable electronic analyzer allows quick screening for asthma, German and Dutch researchers report in a March 3rd online publication in *Respiratory Research*.

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Childhood Obesity Linked to Asthma, Atopy

Obese children are more likely to report having persistent asthma and a history of atopy than normal-weight children.

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Repeated Early Anaesthesia Exposure Linked to Learning Disabilities

A new study shows that repeated doses before age 4 almost doubles the risk of developing a learning disability later in life.

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Renal Transplant Improves Growth in Children

In young children with renal failure, transplantation leads to a significant increase in physical growth and head circumference, an indicator of brain weight and development, according to Japanese researchers.

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Mass Pertussis Vaccination of Adolescents Seen to Be Effective

The results of an Australian study support the effectiveness of large-scale use of adolescent/adult-formulated diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (dTdap) vaccine to rapidly control pertussis in the adolescent population.

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Pertussis Vaccination Not Linked to Childhood Asthma Risk

Pertussis vaccination does not appear to increase a baby's risk for developing wheeze or asthma, according to a paper in the March issue of *Paediatrics*.

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Vaccination Timing Varies Widely in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

A new survey of 45 countries shows that vaccinations for children are often significantly delayed well after the recommended ages in low- and middle-income countries.

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Rotavirus Vaccine Effective in Combination With Primary Hexavalent Vaccination

Pentavalent rotavirus vaccine (PRV, RotaTeq) is safe and effective when administered along with a primary vaccination course of a hexavalent vaccine containing diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, hepatitis B, inactivated polio, and Haemophilus influenzae type b, according to a report in the March issue of *The Paediatric Infectious Disease Journal*.

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Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Reduces Cardiac Dysfunction Risk in Children

Obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA) in children is associated with an increased risk of subclinical ventricular dysfunction, according to a report in Thorax. Successful treatment of OSA, however, can restore normal function, the investigators found.

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Circumcision May Reduce Incidence of HIV, HSV-2, HPV Infection

A study shows that male circumcision significantly reduces the incidence of HIV and herpes simplex virus type 2 infection and the prevalence of human papilloma virus infection.

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ACC 2009: Elevated Triglycerides in Childhood a Harbinger of Cardiovascular Events in Adulthood

Children who have higher-than-normal triglyceride levels will grow up to be at greater risk for cardiovascular events when they hit their 40s and 50s, Cincinnati researchers say.

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Use of Rotavirus Vaccines May Save 2.5 Million Lives by 2025

A briefing paper by PATH notes that these vaccines are urgently needed in Africa and Asia, where rotavirus burden is greatest.

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Hyperbaric Therapy May Improve Autism Symptoms

A new study suggests hyperbaric-oxygen therapy improves the overall functioning of children with autism spectrum disorder as well as their ability to interact socially and make eye contact.

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Chemicals in Hospital Cleaning Products May Affect Workers' Health

Many chemical ingredients found in common hospital cleaning products can affect workers' health through air and dermal exposures, according to results of a pilot study.

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