

## Snippets

### **Snippets from the worldwide web**

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#### ***Deafness After Mumps More Common Than Previously Thought***

Hearing loss in children after mumps may be 20 times more common than previously suggested, according to a Japanese report in the March issue of *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCG3s0EIZ1O0DzQ0KFK50Ed&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Lopinavir/Ritonavir Combination Safe and Effective in Young Infants***

The combination of lopinavir with ritonavir as a part of an antiretroviral regimen is safe and effective for infants younger than 6 weeks of age, according to a report in the March issue of *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCG3s0EIZ1O0DzQ0KFLK0E1&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Changes in Weight Status to Infancy Linked to Risk for Later Obesity***

An ongoing, prospective cohort study shows that more rapid increases in weight for length in the first 6 months of life are associated with sharply increased risk for obesity at 3 years of age.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCG3s0EIZ1O0DzQ0KFLM0E3&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Waist/Height Ratio in Children Predicts BMI as Adults***

Among overweight children, their waist/height ratio says more than other measures of fatness about their odds of having adverse cardiovascular risk factors and of becoming overweight adults, researchers report in the March issue of *Pediatrics*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCG3s0EIZ1O0DzQ0KFLO0E5&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Endostatin Levels Predict Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia in VLBW Infants***

Among very low birth weight (VLBW) infants, higher cord endostatin concentrations are associated with a higher risk for bronchopulmonary dysplasia, according to a report in *Pediatrics*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCHxx0EIZ1O0D2x0KGD60EG&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Immunizations Effective in HIV-Infected Infants With Early HAART***

Initiation of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) during the first year of life among infants vertically infected with HIV preserves the normal immune response to routine vaccinations, according to new research.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCJxF0EIZ1O0D1L0KIDn0Ef&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Exposure of Newborn to Spores and Pollen Increases Risk of Early Wheezing***

The risk of early childhood wheezing is increased in children with high exposure to spores and pollen in the first 3 months of life, according to findings published in the April issue of *Thorax*.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCJ110EIZ1O0DzQ0KIw0Ee&uac=60307BR>

#### ***Unapproved Antiretrovirals Often Used in HIV-Infected Children***

More than one third of HIV-infected children have been prescribed at least one non-approved antiretroviral agent, according to CDC-sponsored research reported here at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Annual Meeting 2009.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCKf60EIZ1O0D1L0KJEs0EF&uac=60307BR>

***Circumcision Removes Langerhans Cells Targeted by HIV***

Circumcision protects against HIV infection because the foreskin contains a high density of Langerhans cells, an established avenue of HIV infection, urologists reported here at the American Urological Association annual meeting.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCKf60EIZ100D1L0KJEy0EL&uac=60307BR>

***Accounting for Body Size Reduces Radiation Dose During Pediatric CT***

Adjusting the amount of radiation according to a child's size instead of age and weight can significantly reduce radiation dose during computed tomography (CT) while maintaining acceptable image quality, according to research conducted at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital in Ohio.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCKit0EIZ100DzQ0KJJW0EF&uac=60307BR>

***Interrupting Anti-HIV Drugs During Pregnancy Raises Risk of Vertical Transmission***

Temporary cessation of antiretroviral treatment (ART) during pregnancy in women infected with HIV is an additional major risk factor for mother-to-child transmission of the virus, Italian researchers report in the May 1st issue of Clinical Infectious Diseases.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCLYE0EIZ100D1L0KJ1k0Eo&uac=60307BR>

***Even Mild Prematurity Increases Risk for Severe RSV Infection***

Serious respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection risk does not appear to be limited to extremely premature infants.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCLbk0EIZ100D2x0KKGR0EK&uac=60307BR>

***Epinephrine Plus Dexamethasone May Reduce Hospitalizations for Children With Bronchiolitis***

In a randomized controlled trial, combined epinephrine plus dexamethasone significantly reduced hospital admissions in children with bronchiolitis seen in the emergency department.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCLaz0EIZ100DzQ0KKDS0E4&uac=60307BR>

***Primary Nocturnal Enuresis May Respond to Treatment With Ibuprofen***

Ibuprofen cut the number of bedwetting nights in half, possibly by stabilizing the detrusor muscle.

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin1/DM/y/eCLaz0EIZ100DzQ0KKDW0E8&uac=60307BR>

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