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To:- Current Awareness

ALLERGIES

McArthur, Ruth J D
Allergen avoidance
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 10    31 ( 5 ): 14 - 19
Reviews the common types of allergies, their causes, symptoms and how to avoid them

ALZHEIMERS DISEASE

Nair, Muralitharan
Nursing management of the patient with Alzheimer's disease
British Journal of Nursing
2006 MAR 9    15 ( 5 ): 258 - 262
The article reviews the physiology, symptoms and nursing management of Alzheimer's disease

Morrissey, Matthew V
Alzheimer's cafe for people with and affected by dementia
Nursing Times
2006 APR 11    102 ( 15 ): 29 - 31
This is a reflective account of a specifica care giving intervention in dementia and early-stage Alzheimer's

ASTHMA

Weller, Trisha
Asthma management: latest guidelines
Primary Health Care
2006 MAR 16 ( 2 ): 27 - 31
The article provides an update on the British Guidelines on the Management of Asthma

ATTENTION DISORDERS

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
Nursing Times
2006 APR 20    102 ( 16 ): 19 -
Brief review of the signs, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

AUDIT (clinical or nursing)
Collis, Steven
A review of the literature on the nurse role in clinical audit
Nursing Times
2006  MAR 21  102 ( 12 ): 38 - 40
This literature review assesses the benefits of clinical audit and critiques the nurse's role in the process, addressing any barriers to their involvement

BEREAVEMENT PSYCHOLOGY DEATH DEMENTIA
Death and bereavement across cultures
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2006  4 ( 1 ): 5 - 47
The whole issue is devoted to a consideration of death and bereavement across cultures. It includes: Religious rites and rituals in death and bereavement: an Indian experience, pp7-13; Engaging eternity: a Jewish approach to death, dying, grief and bereavement. pp14-18; Teddy bears, flowers and crucifixes: collective responses to trauma, pp38-42; Living with the dying: using the wisdom of mindfulness to support caregivers of older adults with dementia. pp43-47

BLOOD & LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS
Lymphoedema: supplement
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006  APR  11 ( 4 ): S1 - S22
The Supplement includes articles on: Structure and function of the lymphatic system: an overview; Chronic oedemas: identification and referral pathways; The reality of living with undiagnosed lymphoedema; the National Lymphoedema Framework Project.

BLOOD PRESSURE
Tulip, Sarah
Medicines management in hypertension
Practice Nursing
2006  APR  17 ( 4 ): 184 - 188
The article reviews the key issues in the medicine management of patients with hypertension

Hall, Gwen
Drug management of hypertension in primary care
Primary Health Care
The article reviews and outlines the current guidance on hypertension management, including the recent ASCOT trial and BPS guidelines.

BREAST CANCER PATIENT INFORMATION

Harmer, Victoria
Breast awareness
Practice Nurse

The article explores practice nurses’ role in encouraging women to self-examine and as a resource for patients with breast problems. The article outlines the signs and symptoms of the most common breast disorders.

CANCER SCREENING

Beral, Valerie
Review shows breast screening is effective
Practice Nursing

Comments on the recent review of the NHS Breast Cancer Screening Programme that found that the benefits outweighed the risks.

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES PATIENT INFORMATION

May, V and others
What information patients require on graduated compression stockings
British Journal of Nursing

This study explores patients’ experiences of compression stockings and lead to the development of a patient information leaflet.

Wood, David
JBS 2 will help GPs provide preventative cardiovascular care
Guidelines in practice

The article reviews the new Joint British Societies guidelines (JBS 2) on cardiovascular disease prevention.

CATHETERS

Jobinson, John
Intermittent self-catheterization: principles and practice.
British Journal of Community Nursing

Intermittent self-catheterisation (ISC) is becoming more widely used by patient to drain their bladder rather than having a long-term indwelling urinary catheter. The article describes the types of ISC devices, their advantages and disadvantages, and how patients should be taught to use them.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY CLINICAL GUIDELINES
The article provides a brief overview of the new NICE guideline, published in 2005, which highlighted the need for GPs to recognise depression in children and young people.

**CHILD PROTECTION ETHNIC GROUPS**

Sale, Annabel Unity
Paralysed around culture
Community Care
2006 MAR 16 (1614): 28 - 29
The Reports on the issues and inhibitions that confront social care practitioners when dealing with child protection in faith communities

Taylor, Amy
Guidance needs fleshing out to gain professionals’ confidence
Community Care
2006 APR 20 (1619): 12 - 13
The article examines the new guidance 'Working together to safeguard children...' which will finalise the abolition of child protection registers

**CHILDHOOD DISEASES**

Hainsworth, Terry
Practice implications of the increase in measles infections
Nursing Times
2006 APR 25 102 (17): 19 - 20
A brief review of the epidemiology and pathophysiology of measles

Morris, David
URTI in children (upper respiratory tract infections)
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 10 31 (5): 50 - 56
Discusses the common causes of upper respiratory tract infections in children and their possible treatments

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING CANCER PALLIATIVE CARE**

Aitken, Alexandra
District nurses’ trigger for referral to the Macmillan nurse
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 MAR 11 (3): 100 - 107
The study identified the need for a set of referral criteria into the Macmillan nursing service

Lee, Soo and Knight, Denise
District nurses’ involvement in mental health: an exploratory survey
British Journal of Community Nursing
The findings of this quantitative survey were that district nurses encountered a wide range of mental health issues and interventions including dementia, anxiety and depression. The authors recommend a closer working relationship with mental health specialist services.

Nolan, Alexis
The co-op conundrum
Health Service Journal
2006 APR 13 116 (6001): 24 - 26
The article describes the kind of social enterprise organisations such as Central Surrey Health, which are beginning to trade as providers of healthcare services in primary care.

Primary care nursing: supplement
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 28 102 (13): 40 - 53
The supplement includes: nurse-led triage in general practice; chlamydia screening for men; managing lymphoedema; mentors for prescribers.

Godfret, Kathryn
Acute care in the community
Nursing Times
2006 APR 25 102 (32): 40 - 41
Describes a team of nurses who are providing acute care to patients in the community, which is reducing the rate of hospital admissions and speeding up discharge home.

CONTINENCE PREGNANCY

Vere-Jones, Emma
Continence crusaders
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 14 102 (11): 20 - 21
Describes bladder care guidelines for use by midwifery teams.

Supplement on continence
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 21 102 (12): 41 - 59
The supplement includes articles on: Nocturnal enuresis: systems for assessment; Fluid intake and bladder and bowel function.

DENTAL SERVICES

Carlisle, Danoni
Not much to smile about (Dental services)
Health Service Journal
2006 MAR 23 116 (5998): 14 - 15
Reports dentists' disquiet around the new NHS Dental Contract, which is designed to give PCTs local control of dentistry.

DIABETES ETHNIC GROUPS HEALTH PROMOTION

Jesson, A-M and others
Coping with Diabetes Project, Hackney Diabetes Centre.
Practical Diabetes International
2006 MAR 23 (2): 62 - 65
The article describes a project in City and Hackney PCT that is aimed to empower and educate people with diabetes and at risk of diabetes from ethnic minority and vulnerable groups. The project has implemented group education sessions, attended health fairs, produced an audio CD, patient held records, educational leaflets and a website

DIET NUTRITION

Lake, Amelia A and others
Longitudinal change in food habits between adolescence (11-12 years) and adulthood (32-33 years): the ASH30 study
Journal of Public Health
2006 MAR 28 (1): 10 - 16
The article provides quantitative evidence of dietary change from adolescence to adulthood in Northumberland. The findings include a change in food intake in a direction in line with dietary recommendations and that dietary change is influenced by a range of factors including gender, location and socio-economic status

Thin end: feast or famine. Nutrition supplement
Public Health News
2006 APR 10 (): S1 - S8
The supplement includes articles on: Food intolerance: it's all in your mind; Food culture: eating our way to identity; Malnutrition: in this day and age?
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Shipway, Lyn
Domestic violence and abuse - specific at-risk groups
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 24 31 (6): 56 - 61
The article reviews the needs of specific groups who are at risk of domestic violence

DRUG DEPENDENCE DRUG EDUCATION
Drugs in the media
Drug Link
2006 MAR (): 8 - 17
Several articles that review how narcotics and drug users are depicted in the media

McDermott, Peter
Fashion victims
Drug Link
2006 MAR (): 18 - 19
Reviews the impact of the revival of ‘abstinence’ as a treatment option

Frisher, Martin and others
Prevalence of problematic and injecting drug use for Drug Action Team areas in England
Journal of Public Health
2006 MAR 28 (1): 3 - 9
The article estimates the numbers of problematic and injecting drug users in DAT areas, using the Multiple Indicator Method (MIM) statistical technique

EAR
Tinnitus
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 21 102 (12): 27 -
Describes the causes, symptoms and diagnosis of tinnitus

ECZEMA
Peters, Jill
Managing mild to moderate eczema
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 24 31 (6): 24 - 28
The article briefly examines the principle treatments for eczema

ELDERLY BEREAVEMENT
Ellis, Jonathan
Supporting older people: death and bereavement
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 MAR 11 (3): 108 - 110
The article discusses the important role nurses can play in helping older people at the end of their lives.
The article presents a series of case histories to illustrate the changes in the way that decisions are made for incapable adults that will be introduced with the Mental Incapacity Act 2005 (expected to come into force in March 2007).

The article describes the collaborative initiative to reduce falls and their impact on the elderly.

Older homeless people have complex needs that are often unmet because of their lifestyle. The article raises the awareness of the multiple problems and needs of older homeless people and highlights the role of healthcare professionals in meeting that need.

The article discusses the changing influences on primary care for older people around the UK and shows how specialist nursing roles are responding to the developments.
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Coyne, Katie
Hidden cost of redevelopment
Public Health News
2006  MAR 13  ( ): 11 -
The article suggests that the government's push for the redevelopment of brownfield could have unintended health consequences

ETHNIC GROUPS DRUG DEPENDENCE

Jayakody, A A and others
Illicit and traditional drug use among ethnic minority adolescents in East London
Public Health
2006  APR 120 ( 4 ): 329 - 338
The cross-sectional questionnaire survey found ethnic differences in illicit drug use, with significant differences within ethnic groups. The survey found a high use of paan and glue/gas/solvents among Bangladeshi youths.

EXERCISE AND SPORT DIABETES ETHNIC GROUPS

Lawton J et al
'I can't do any serious exercise': barriers to physical activity amongst people of Pakistani and Indian origin with Type 2 diabetes
Health Education Research
2006  FEB 25 ( 1 ): 43 - 54
Study found that cultural norms and social expectations restricted respondents, and concludes that health promoters may need to be culturally sensitive and identify activities which are already part of their lives

MacDonald, Pat
Take the plunge
Practice Nurse
2006  MAR 10 31 ( 5 ): 20 - 24
Discusses the benefits of swimming as a treatment option for a range of chronic diseases

Chinn, D J and others
Factors associated with non-participation in a physical activity promotion trial
Public Health
2006  APR 120 ( 4 ): 309 - 319
The article considers the characteristics of respondents who refuse to participate in a physical activity intervention trial, and the way in which non-participation can bias the outcome of such trials

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
Rathfelder, Martin
NHS charges: are they they really worth it?
Health Matters
2006 SPR (63): 10 - 11
MPs are investigating the system of charging patients in the NHS. The whole thing is a complex, confusing and unfair muddle argues the author.

Harding, Mary-Louise
The paradox at the heart of practice power
Health Service Journal
2006 MAR 9 116 (5996): 14 - 15
The article discusses practice based commissioning; it suggests that GPs want autonomy and no cut in purchasing power; the PCTs want aligned priorities and cost savings.

Mooney, Helen
PbR under the microscope: what the South Yorks boffins found
Health Service Journal
2006 APR 6 116 (6000): 14 - 15
The article reports on the findings of a pioneering foundation community in South Yorkshire and its approach to payment by results.

Martin, Daniel
Why the district general has to learn new tricks to survive
Health Service Journal
2006 MAR 30 116 (5999): 14 - 15
Comments on the report of the National Leadership Network which suggests that DGHs will have to adapt to fit the new political and financial agenda.

Staines, Richard
Counting the cost of the cuts
Nursing Times
2006 APR 11 102 (15): 16 - 19
The financial crisis gripping the NHS has resulted in thousands of job losses. The author asks why so many trusts are taking such radical measures and reveals the impact on nurses.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Kayley, Jill
Strategies to reduce the risk of needle and sharps injuries
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 7 102 (10): 30 - 32
The article describes how, when and why needle or sharps injuries occur and who is at risk. It provides an overview of recent legislation and outlines strategies to minimise risk.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES SEXUALITY

Clover, David
Overcoming barriers for older gay men in the use of health services: a qualitative study of growing older, sexuality and health.
The study found that older gay men may not disclose their sexuality to healthcare providers and may find some needs unmet particularly around areas of partner and other social relationships.

HEALTH PROMOTION EXERCISE AND SPORT EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment)

Stiggelbout M et al
Predicting older adults’ maintenance in exercise participation using an integrated social psychological model
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 21 (1): 1 - 14
Study in the Netherlands of older adults shows many significant predictors of intention to continue, and recommends relapse prevention training

Duaso MJ et al
Employee's perceived exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, passive smoking risk beliefs and attitudes towards smoking: a case study in a university setting
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 25 (1): 26 - 33
Using an email survey, most respondents were found to support a restrictive non-smoking policy with provision of smoking areas

HIV & AIDS

Miles, Kevin
HIV testing in primary care
Primary Health Care
2006 APR 16 (3): 33 - 35
The article explains why every nurse should have the basic skills necessary to offer a HIV test and argues for patients to be tested in primary care

IMMUNISATION

Fisher-Jeffes, Lisa
Immunisation hotline calls as five-in-one vaccine introduced
Community Practitioner
2006 APR 79 (4): 121 - 124
The article evaluates the calls made to the Immunisation Hotline following the introduction of the 5-in-one vaccine

Shafi, Shuja
Vaccinations for Hajj
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2006 MAR 126 (2): 68 - 69
A summary of the main infectious disorder risks for pilgrims to Mecca, and how they can be minimised
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HEALTH PROMOTION PATIENT INFORMATION

Korp Peter
Health on the Internet: implications for health promotion
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 25 (1): 78 - 86
Recommends a strategy aimed at developing a critical consciousness to different sources of information with an ability to select information, rather than safeguarding against some forms of information.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

McIntosh, Barbara and Sanderson, Helen
Value added (People with learning disabilities)
Community Care
2006 APR 20 (1619): 30 - 31
The article provides a brief review of a major evaluation of person-centred planning for people with learning difficulties.

Hunt, Cath
A health toolkit for people with learning disabilities
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 21 102 (12): 34 - 36
People with learning disabilities are likely to have greater health needs than the majority of the population and are less likely to access health services. This article describes a local initiative to develop a toolkit that people with learning disabilities can use to help them to address their health needs.

Medley, Sue
Providing end-of-life care for people with learning disabilities
Nursing Times
2006 APR 11 102 (15): 21 - 22
The end-of-life care model Preferred Place of Care and the philosophy known as person-centred planning both aim to make patient choices and views central to any service delivery. This article compares the two strategies.

LEG ULCERS LAW

Dimond, Bridget
Leg ulcers
British Journal of Nursing
2006 MAR 9 15 (5): 272 - 273
This brief article reviews the law which applies to the standard of care for patients with persistent leg ulcers being treated in the community.

Tissue viability supplement
British Journal of Nursing
2006 MAR 23 15 (6): S1 - S31
The supplement includes: Anti-embolism stockings: are they used effectively and correctly?; Treating a pressure ulcer with bio-electric stimulation therapy; Complications of adapting pressure risk assessment scales.

LONG TERM CONDITIONS RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES
Pearce, Linda
Putting policy into practice: the example of COPD
British Journal of Community Nursing
The author estimates that there may be 3 million people with undiagnosed chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and examines the policy developments that have been put in place to manage the burden of long-term conditions

MANAGEMENT HEALTH POLICY
Quality and value. Quick wins: how the productive time programme is cutting costs and advancing care. Supplement
Health Service Journal
2006 APR 6 116 (6000): S1 - S17
The supplement discusses: productive time; lean healthcare; performance measures; engaging staff in improvement

MENTAL HEALTH PREJUDICE
Forrest, Emma
Death by a thousand pin pricks
Health Service Journal
2006 APR 20 116 (6002): 22 - 24
The article investigates the kinds of discrimination that can be experienced by people with a history of mental health problems, with particular emphasis on the issues of stigma and prejudice

Vere-Jones, Emma
Mental health manifesto
Nursing Times
2006 APR 25 102 (17): 14 - 17
The Department of Health has outlined its plans for the future of mental health nursing. This article looks at the issues that mental health nurses think the government should be addressing

Gregory, Nathan
Identifying the needs of carers in mental health services
Nursing Times
The study seeks to identify the needs of carers of those who use the mental health services

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Identifying the needs of carers in mental health services
Nursing Times
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MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS
Sheepy, Margaret
Management of second-line and biological drug therapy in rheumatoid arthritis
The article discusses the role of practice nurses in educating patients with rheumatoid arthritis about the benefits and possible side-effects of drug therapies.

**NHS DIRECT**

Staines, Richard  
What next for NHS Direct  
Nursing Times  
2006 APR 11 102 (15): 11-  
The author assesses the implications of the reduction of funding and staffing with which NHS Direct is being threatened.

**NICE CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

NICE: friend or foe?  
Nursing Times  
2006 MAR 7 102 (10): 20- 21  
Reviews how NICE goes about drawing up its guidelines.

Beckford-Ball, Jason  
Guidelines on the provision of nutritional support in adults  
Nursing Times  
2006 MAR 7 102 (10): 25- 26  
New guidelines from NICE recommend that every hospital should have a nutritional nurse specialist and that all people admitted to hospital should routinely be screened for nutritional support.

**NURSE PRESCRIBING**

Strachan-Bennett, Seonaid  
A prescription for success  
Nursing Times  
2006 APR 20 102 (16): 12- 13  
The article reviews the impact that will follow on from extending nurse prescribing to almost the whole of the BNF.

**NURSES, Teaching and Assessing EDUCATION**

Burns, Shirley  
Developing the health care assistant role  
Primary Health Care  
2006 MAR 16 (2): 25- 25  
The article describes a foundation course developed to support the introduction of health care assistants into the general practice setting in rural Scotland.

**NURSES, Teaching & Assessing**

Ward, Helen and Willis, Annaliese  
Assessing advanced clinical practice skills
The article shows how the development of an objective structured clinical assessment (OSCA) has enabled assessment of nurse practitioner advanced clinical practice skills at Masters level.

**NURSING PROCEDURES**

Morgans, June
Case management to cut non-elective admissions
Community Practitioner
2006 APR 79 (4): 133 -
The brief article describes a case management approach in Epping Forest, which resulted in the reduction on non-elective admissions

Ware, Bella
Managing a caseload effectively
Nursing Times
2006 MAR 14 102 (11): 40 - 41
Outlines the principles of successful caseload management

Sargent, Penny
Implementing the role of community matrons
Nursing Times
The article examines the role of the community matron in the provision of long-term care across nine PCTs

Connechen, Jane and Walter, Rob
Telephone triage in general practice
Primary Health Care
2006 MAR 16 (2): 36 - 40
The article describes a study to determine the level of patient satisfaction with telephone triage and examines how successful it is in dealing with patient's problems

**OBESITY DIABETES**

Clark, M
Weight management for the obese patient in primary care: is a commercially available weight loss programme the answer?
Practical Diabetes International
2006 APR 23 (2): 123 - 127
The article takes an overview of different weight loss regimes for the obese individual, with and without diabetes and concludes that for many obesity should be regarded as a chronic condition with a range of associated adverse conditions

**PARENTING**

Gillies, Val
Parenting, class and culture: exploring the context of childrearing
Community Practitioner
2006 APR 79 (4): 114 - 117
The paper highlights the central role of social class in shaping experiences of childrearing and considers the implications of this finding for health visitors.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

Scott, Liz  
Identifying poor symptom control in Parkinson's disease  
Nursing Times  
2006 MAR 21 102 (12): 30 - 33  
The article provides a brief overview of Parkinson's disease and how to identify poor symptom control.

**POST NATAL DEPRESSION**

Russell, Sally  
Barriers to care in postnatal depression  
Community Practitioner  
2006 APR 79 (4): 110 - 111  
The article suggests that a principa barrier to treatment for postnatal depression is the difficulties that mothers have in acknowledging or admitting the illness.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Irvine, Linda and others  
A review of the major influences on current public health policy in developed countries in the second half of the 20th century  
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health  
2006 MAR 126 (2): 73 - 78  
Reviews the major achievements and challenges facing public health in the 20th and 21st centuries.

**RESIDENTIAL CARE ELDERLY IMMUNISATION**

Barnes, Geoffrey S and Quigley, Catherine  
Flu vaccination in nursing homes: a survey of nursing-home managers  
Journal of Public Health  
2006 MAR 28 (1): 56 - 60  
The survey of nursing home managers showed considerable variation in practice in regard to the organisation of flu vaccinations for residents.

**RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING ETHICS**

Barnett, Margaret  
Providing palliative care in end-stage COPD within primary care  
Journal of Community Nursing  
2006 MAR 20 (3): 30 - 34  
The article gives an overview of the provision of palliative care for patients with COPD, including the management of symptoms, spiritual care and ethical considerations.

Dunn, Robert  
Respiratory health surveillance.
In workplaces where there is a risk of exposure to airborne allergens, respiratory health surveillance is essential. This article outlines best practice at Oxford University.

Booker, Rachel
Nebulizers: seeing through the mist
Practice Nursing
2006 APR 17 (4): 168 - 172
The article explains the use of nebulizers in the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Wolstenholme, Roger
Better management of COPD between primary and secondary care
Practice Nursing
2006 APR 17 (4): 174 - 178
The article explains how some nurse-led initiatives are improving the management of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) across the primary-secondary interface.

SCHOOLS ADVERTISING SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Slater Michael D et al
Combining in-school and community-based media efforts: reducing marijuana and alcohol uptake among younger adolescents
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 25 (1): 157 - 167
Even in the absence of an in-school prevention curriculum appropriately designed in-school and community-based media effort can reduce youth substance uptake.

SELF-HARM
Wren, Andrew
Hidden harm
Young People Now
2006 MAR 29 (323): 14 - 15
The article comments on a recent report that claimed that 1 in 12 young people have self-harmed and considers what measures could be taken to address this problem.

SEXUAL HEALTH TEENAGE PREGNANCY HEALTH PROMOTION
Chalmers, Helen and others
Sex and relationships education in schools - Evaluation of a pilot programme for the certification of community nurses
Health Education Journal
2006 MAR 65 (1): 28 - 40
The study evaluated the certificated programme of professional development for school nurses and other community nurses that was developed to provide support for personal, social and health education (PSHE) work, in support of the UK government's teenage pregnancy and sexual health strategies.
Goold PC et al
Pilot study in the development of an Interactive Multimedia Learning Environment for sexual health interventions: a focus group approach
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 21 (1): 15 - 25
Describes the outcome of a Nottingham focus group which looked at knowledge, attitudes, behaviour and risk perception of young people, finding their knowledge of STIs reasonable, but lacking information of the services available and concerns about confidentiality.

Speechly, Kate
Female sexual health
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 10 31 (5): 33 - 38
Discusses how practice nurses can pro-actively promote sexual health; the article focuses on STIs and contraception.

Paterson, Christine
Erectile dysfunction in men with diabetes
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 10 31 (5): 41 - 48
Erectile dysfunction can severely affect psychological and social functioning. A holistic approach to diagnosis and treatment is the most effective way to manage this condition.

Bickford, Jane
Sexual history taking and genital examination
Primary Health Care
2006 MAR 16 (2): 33 - 35
The article describes sexual history taking and genital examination

SMOKING HEALTH PROMOTION

Spratt, J and Shucksmith, J
Tobacco education in the primary school: paradoxes for the teacher
Health Education Journal
2006 MAR 65 (1): 5 - 13
The study was based on semi-structured interviews and focus-groups with primary 6 and 7 teachers in Scottish schools. Questions explored the classroom issues perceived by teachers when delivering tobacco education and focused on teachers' responses to pupils from smoking households.

Huver Rose ME et al
Are anti-smoking parenting practices related to adolescent smoking cognitions and behavior?
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 25 (1): 66 - 77
The effects of parenting hardly varied by parental smoking status or adolescent gender and further study should be done on the influence parents and adolescents have on each other.

Darling H et al
Is there a relation between school smoking policies and youth cigarette smoking knowledge and behaviors
Health Education Research
2006 FEB 25 (1): 108 - 115
New Zealand self-reporting survey of secondary school students and staff found that a school tobacco policy was unrelated to tobacco use, although a smoke-free environment would serve the purpose of providing a consistent health message.

Amos A and others
Ambivalence and uncertainty: experiences of and attitudes towards addiction and smoking cessation in the mid-to-late teens
Health Education Research
2006 APR 21 (2): 181 - 191
This paper draws on research with 99 16-19 year olds which explored their understanding of their smoking and their attitudes towards quitting and cessation support. The study involved qualitative interviews mostly with friendship pairs. Findings indicated that few saw themselves as addicted and therefore were not attracted to traditional cessation services.

Hyland, A and others
Anti-tobacco television advertising and indicators of smoking cessation in adults: a cohort study.
Health Education Research
2006 APR 21 (2): 296 - 302
This study reinforced the positive link between anti-tobacco advertising and rates of smoking cessation in adults, based on US research.

White, Martin and others
Smoking and experience of smoking cessation interventions among UK Bangladeshi and Pakistani adults: the views of community members and health professionals
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2006 MAY 20 60 (5): 405 - 411
This qualitative survey found that high levels of motivation do not seem to be matched by effective interventions or successful attempts to quit smoking. It recommends a need to adapt and test effective smoking cessation interventions to make them culturally acceptable to ethnic minority groups.

Gee, I L and others
Second-hand smoke levels in UK pubs and bars: do the English Public Health White Paper proposals go far enough?
Journal of Public Health
2006 MAR 28 (1): 17 - 23
The article demonstrates that partial no-smoking measures will leave bar staff in exempted premises unprotected from the occupational hazards of second-hand smoke.

Haw, Sally S and others
Legislation on smoking in enclosed public places in Scotland: how will we evaluate the impact?
Journal of Public Health
2006 MAR 28 (1): 24 - 30
The article describes the comprehensive evaluation strategy that has been devised by Health Scotland to assess the short-term, intermediate and long-term outcomes of the prohibition of smoking in enclosed spaces in Scotland.
Percival, Jennifer
New ways to help people stop smoking
Practice Nurse
2006  MAR 24    31 ( 6 ): 30 - 36
The article reviews the principle products and treatments for people who want to quit smoking

SOCIAL SERVICES

McIntosh, Kaye
Framework for success
Health Service Journal
2006  MAR 9    116 ( 5996 ): 24 - 26
The article looks at emerging partnerships between health and social care and their strength in the provision of efficient patient-centred services

Ghose, Dipika
Mentor for young mothers
Young People Now
2006  MAR 8    ( 320 ): 13 -
Reports on one council's (Walsall) initiatives to reduce teenage pregnancies and help young mothers back into education

STRESS & ANXIETY

Post-traumatic stress disorder
Nursing Times
2006  APR 11    102 ( 15 ): 23 -
A brief article presenting the causes symptoms and treatment of PTSD

STROKE

Greenhouse, Jo
De-mystifying your blood pressure treatments - what they do and why they could save your life
Stroke News
2006  SPR    24 ( 1 ): 26 - 27
A brief article that describes blood pressure measurements, ACE inhibitors, Beta blockers etc
TUBERCULOSIS

Cocksedge, Malcolm
Tackling the global epidemic of tuberculosis
Practice Nurse
2006 MAR 10 31 (5): 26 - 30
Discusses the signs and symptoms of TB in the community and how practice nurses can assist in its diagnosis

URINARY TRACT CATHETERS

van den Eijkel, Esther and Griffiths, Peter
Catheter valves for indwelling urinary catheters: a systematic review
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 MAR 11 (3): 111 - 114
The systematic review showed no statistical difference in the incidence of bladder spasm or urinary tract infection (UTI) with catheter valves compared to free drainage but patients showed a clear preference for the valve

WOUND HEALING LEG ULCERS

Wound care supplement
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 MAR 11 (3): S1 - S30
The supplement on wound care includes: Avoiding allergic contact dermatitis in patients with leg ulcers; Using case reports to aid reflective practice in wound care; Skin cooling, pain and chronic wound healing progression; Static magnets prevent leg ulcer recurrence: savings for the NHS?

Benbow, Maureen
Ethics and wound management
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