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ALCOHOL CRIME VIOLENCE
Violent Crime Reduction Bill Update
Straight Talk
2006 SPR 21 (2): 19 - 20
Considers the link between alcohol and crime

Paton, Alex
Drinking in Pregnancy
Straight Talk
2006 SPR 21 (2): 21 -
Author thinks the evidence is still not strong enough to give a firm answer but leans towards abstinence.

BREAST PATIENTS CANCER
Williams, Anne
Patient self-massage for breast cancer-related lymphoedema
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN 20 (6): 24 - 29
Gives a guide to patient self massage in the management of lymphoedema.

CANCER MEDICINES
Moore, Alison
Prescription for conflict
Health Service Journal
2006 JUN 116 (6007 (sic)): 29 - 30
Considers the recent court ruling on Herceptin and points out that the ruling was less a blanket approval for the prescription of Herceptin for early-stage cancer than a call for PCTs to have an adequate exceptional circumstances procedure in place.

CARERS COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING
Bliss, Julie
What do informal carers need from district nursing services?
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN 11 (6): 251 - 256
The 5 million informal carers in England and Wales play a crucial role in maintaining people in their own homes. This article examines their needs, and how district nurses can help them.

CHILDREN LEARNING DISABILITIES DISABILITY HEALTH INEQUALITIES
Gleeson, Catherine
Young People with health problems- their views on how schools can help

Education and Health
2006  24 ( 2 ): 24 - 25
This article describes three evidence-based examples of pupils with illness and disability in mainstream school. Their views are discussed in relation to ways in which schools and teachers can contribute to reducing health inequalities.

Ridgers, Nicola
The Active City of Liverpool, Active Schools and SportsLinx (A-CLASS) Project
Education and Health
2006  24 ( 2 ): 26 - 29
The A-CLASS Project is a unique multi-disciplinary project, which consists of multi-sports activity coaches who will be responsible for running after school and community sports clubs, and four research coaches who will analyse the effects of these programmes on the physical activity levels of Liverpool school children.

Condliffe, Cynthia
Caring for children with complex health needs
Journal of Community Nursing
2006  JUN  20 ( 6 ): 4 - 14
Examines the crucial role community children's nurses have within commissioning services for children with complex health needs and learning disabilities and their families.

COMMUNITY CARE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE COMMISSIONING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Various
Health Special: NHS Reform, Practice-Based Commissioning, Budget Crisis, Partnerships
Community Care
2006  JUN 15th  ( 1627 ): 26 - 33
NHS Reform:- Reports on the conflicts that must be overcome as capacity and resources are shifted from acute to community services
Practice-Based Commissioning - describes how making GPs the gatekeepers of primary care services will offset hospitals' desire for more resources
Budget Crisis: - Cash shortfalls are undermining joint services with social care in some parts of the country
Partnerships:- Despite criticism of integrated working, author finds grounds for optimism

DIABETES NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK PATIENT EDUCATION

Rao, Shailen
Implementing the NSF for diabetes through community pharmacy
Guidelines in practice
2006  JUN  9 ( 6 ): 43 - 46
The winning project in the diabetes category of the 2005 Guidelines in Practice Awards, let by Shailen Rao, use community pharmacists to help educate and monitor patients

Hainsworth, Terry
Progress and challenges in delivery of the diabetes NSF
Nursing Times
2006  JUN 27th  102 ( 26 ): 23 - 24
This article outlines the report Turning the Corner: Improving Diabetes Care on the progress made since the launch of the National Service Framework for diabetes. It highlights some of the challenges still to be met and provides up to date information on prevalence and treatment levels.

Sandeman, D
General practice management of people with diabetes requiring insulin
Practical Diabetes International
2006 JUN 23 (5): 201-204
The care of patients with diabetes using insulin in the UK is moving inexorably to primary care. To ensure that the service provided is of the highest quality, and meets the needs of patients and the requirements of the National Service Framework, it is important that primary carers are provided with the support they need.

Cheyette, C
A young person's perspective of type 1 diabetes: development of an innovative DVD
Practical Diabetes International
2006 JUN 23 (5): 212-216
In recognition of a lack of suitable and age specific educational material for young people with type 1 diabetes it was decided to develop a new resource for the local area. The author decided on using the multimedia format of a DVD due to its ability to portray images and real life situations.

Fruhstorfer, H
Frequent lancing for monitoring blood glucose may cause skin changes
Practical Diabetes International
2006 JUN 23 (5): 207-209
Fingertip and alternative lancing sites were examined for skin changes in 93 people with diabetes, regularly checking blood glucose. In all 60 individuals had a thickened skin at one or more lancing spots.

Balwin, EJ; Feher, MD
Sweets, fluids and foods in the treatment of mild hypoglycaemia
Practical Diabetes International
2006 JUN 23 (5): 218-220
Article quantifies the portion size and glycaemic index ranking of foods and fluids frequently used to treat hypoglycaemia.

Savage, MW
ABCD guidelines for the management of hyperglycaemic emergencies in adults
Practical Diabetes International
2006 JUN 23 (5): 227-231
Article outlines the basic management steps in the common diabetic hyperglycaemic emergencies and hopes to give an insight to the non-expert.

Nurse-run diabetes service saves £77,500
Primary Health Care
2006 JUN 16 (5): 4-
A brief article on a nurse-run diabetes service across 18 GP practices in Cambridgeshire and Fenland PCT that makes large savings against the cost of treatment in the acute sector

DIET OBESITY WOMENS HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
The aim of this study was to investigate the role of motivation, anxiety and self-efficacy in self-reported behaviour that may be important for weight loss and weight maintenance.

Lidstone, J.S.M.
Independent associations between weight status and disability in adults: Results from the health survey for England
Public Health
2006 MAY 120 ( 5 ): 412 - 417
The aim of this study was to test for significant associations between overweight and obesity and the presence of a wide range of disabling conditions in adults, controlling for sex, age, education, social class, income, cigarette smoking status and alcohol consumption.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEXUAL ABUSE
Baird, Kathleen and Salmon, Debra
Identifying domestic abuse against women and children
Primary Health Care
2006 JUN 16 ( 5 ): 27 - 31
The article outlines the role of the primary healthcare professional in identifying domestic abuse against women and children. It draws attention to PCTs new responsibility to work in partnership with other agencies to tackle domestic violence and sexual crime. Several national support organisations are listed

ELDERLY
Holmes, Pamela
Supporting Older People: Promoting falls prevention
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN 11 ( 6 ): 247 - 250
Discusses the development of falls prevention services.

EMERGENCY CARE FAMILY PRACTICE
Duffin, Christine
How good is out-of-hours care?
Primary Health Care
2006 JUN 16 ( 5 ): 19 - 22
The author reviews primary care nurses' views on the current status of out of hours care, in light of the recent National Audit Office report: The Provision of Out of Hours Care in England

EXERCISE AND SPORT BODY IMAGE HEALTH PROMOTION LIFESTYLE
Lechner, L
Factors related to misperception of physical activity in The Netherlands and implications for health promotion programmes
Health Promotion International
With respect to health risk behaviours, many people are unaware of their own risk behaviour and regard their behaviour as more healthy than it really is. Typically, this lack of awareness or misperception exits for behaviours in which the threshold between what is healthy and what is unhealthy is not very straightforward. Article examines.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT HEALTH ECONOMICS HEALTH SERVICES

Zafar, Iqbal
Rationalizing rationing in health care: experience of two primary care trusts
Journal of Public Health
2006 JUN 28 (2): 125 - 132
Priority setting, or rationing, in healthcare is an unavoidable consequence of competing demands on the resources available. This is a description of the experience of the two Primary Care Trusts in using an explicit scoring tool to prioritize proposals submitted for new funding within the local health economy.

HEALTH CHILDREN ADOLESCENCE LIFESTYLE
Young People into 2006
Education and Health
2006 24 (2): 31 -
A unique contemporary archive of young people, this new report provides the answers to over 100 health related behaviour questions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INJURY ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Timpka, T
The impact of home safety promotion on different social strata in a WHO safe community
Public Health
2006 MAY 120 (5): 427 - 433
The aim of this study was to investigate the distribution of effects of a community based home safety programme on home injury rates among families with different connections to the labour market.

HEALTH PROMOTION SCHOOLS EDUCATION

Adamson, Gary
Teachers’ perceptions of health education practice in Northern Ireland: reported differences between policy and non-policy holding schools
Health Promotion International
2006 JUN 21 (2): 113 - 120
Schools are organizations designed to influence and promote cognitive development and behavioural change. Health education provided by teachers may have an immediate effect on pupils and may influence pupils’ healthy behaviours into adulthood. Despite its benefits it is surprising to find that the importance of health education is not readily acknowledged.

Whitelaw, Sandy
An evaluation of the Health Promoting Health Service Framwork: The implementation of a settings based approach within the NHS in Scotland
Health Promotion International
2006 JUN 21 (2): 136 - 144
In 1196 the Health Education Board for Scotland (now NHS Health Scotland) began a process of developing a 'settings'-based framework that would inform health promotion work across Scottish health services. This article reports on an evaluation of the latter phase of this framework.

HEPATITIS INFECTION CONTROL

Hainsworth, T
Key issues in diagnosing and treating hepatitis C infection
Nursing Times
This article summarises the condition and poitential problems, highlights data from the recent audit of practice and outlines the latest recommendations for managing Hepatitis C

INFECTION CONTROL WOUND HEALING COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

Wrobel, Bernadine; Maryon, Beth
Infection control in the community- do we have a problem?
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN  20 ( 6 ): 16 - 18
Describes a small scale study which looked at the incidence of MRSA infection in a busy London suburb.

INFLUENZA PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTH PROMOTION

Kickbusch, Ilona
Flu City- Smart City: applying health promotion principles to a pandemic threat
Health Promotion International
2006 JUN  21 ( 2 ): 85 - 87
Health promotion has essential contributions to make for the 'new public health' approach needed to address a global pandemic threat in modern societies. Article discuss this.

LEARNING DISABILITIES SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Iverson, JM
Gesture and speech in maternal input to children with Down's syndrome
International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders
2006 MAY  41 ( 3 ): 235 - 251
This research report aims to compare aspects of speech and gesture production by mothers of children with Down Syndrome with that of mother of typically developing children.

LONG TERM CONDITIONS COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

Pratt, L
Long-term conditions: meeting the needs of highly complex patients
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN  11 ( 6 ): 234 - 240
This article uses a qualitative study to examine the educational needs of district nurses caring for the patient group.
Bird, David and Morris, T
Using community matrons to target long-term conditions
Nursing Times
2006 JUN 6 102 ( 23 ): 19 - 20
The article presents a brief overview of the role of community matrons

Lyndon, Helen
Developing the role of the community matron: the Cornwall experience
Primary Health Care
2006 JUN 16 ( 5 ): 14 - 17
The community matron service was set up in Cornwall to manage the health of older people who have a chronic disease and repeated, unscheduled hospital admissions in 2004, with 12 community matrons in post. Following successful evaluation the service has been expanded with a further 18 posts. The article reviews the aims, training, evaluation and future of the service

MENTAL HEALTH WOMENS HEALTH

Dent, Emma
The Safer Sex
Health Service Journal
2006 JUN 22nd 116 ( 6011 ): 24 - 26
Medium secure provision for women has been inadequate, but services tailored to their needs are now being provided.

Beck, A.T.
An introduction to providing cognitive behavioural therapy
Nursing Times
2006 JUN 27th 102 ( 26 ): 28 - 30
This article outlines the theory underpinning the practice of cognitive behavioural therapy and some of the intervention techniques commonly used by CBT psychotherapists. It also looks at government publications relating to the provision of psychotherapies in the NHS and training requirements for different levels of CBT psychotherapy and practice.

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION

Hovengen, Ragnhild
Mental Health Promotion in a Poorly functioning Neighbourhood: What can we Learn from an Unsuccessful Project
International journal of Mental Health Promotion
2006 MAY 8 ( 2 ): 31 - 36
The object of the study described was to evaluate the effect of a local environment project which aimed to improve mental health by strengthening social integration.

Munro, Kate
User Involvement in Mental Health: Time to Face up to the Challenges of Meaningful Involvement?
International journal of Mental Health Promotion
2006 MAY 8 ( 2 ): 37 - 44
User involvement in health is of increasing importance in Scotland. It has been defined in a series of specific policy commitments to give users a stronger voice and to involve people in the design and delivery of the health service.
NICE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Carlisle, Daloni
A furore too far: the widespread disquiet undermining NICE
Health Service Journal
2006 JUN 22nd  116 ( 6011 ): 14 - 15
The legal wrangles over Herceptin finding gave the difficulties facing the Nation
Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence a nation-wide audience. Now new guidance
has sparked a fresh row and sparked accusations that its decisions are narrow,
prescriptive and unilateral. After seven years, should the institue admire that it can no
longer do the job for which it was created?

NURSE PRESCRIBING MEDICINES

Courtenay, Molly; Griffiths, M
Independent prescribing and beyond
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN  20 ( 6 ): 19 - 20
Overview of supplementary prescribing and beyond

NUTRITION CHILDREN

Frobisher, Clare
The nutritional knowledge and attitudes of 11-12 year olds from four different
European countries: A pilot project
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2006  44 ( 2 ): 65 - 70
This study aimed to compare the nutritional knowledge and attitudes of adolescents
in England (Merseyside), Northern Ireland, Sweden and Lithuania

PAIN PATIENT ASSESSMENT RESIDENTIAL CARE

Schofield, Patricia
Pain management in care homes
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUN  20 ( 6 ): 30 - 33
Presents a typical scenario faced by staff in care homes on a daily basis

PALLIATIVE CARE PATIENT EDUCATION

Bugge, Ellen; Higginson, Irene
Palliative care and the need for education- do we know what makes a difference? A
limited systematic review
Health Education Journal
2006 JUN  65 ( 2 ): 101 - 125
A limited systematic review was conducted in order to highlight factors that
influence informal adult education within a variety of settings that may exist around
a patient, with a progressive illness.

PATIENT EDUCATION HEALTH PROMOTION

Glaister, Karen
Patient health education literature: Maximising its effect
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2006 44 (2): 83 - 88
This paper provides an overview of salient issues and advice to guide health professionals in their choice of health education literature to be incorporated into patient care

PATIENTS NURSING EDUCATION

Leader, Maria
Designing a new patient-centred nursing strategy
Nursing Times
2006 JUN 20th 102 (25): 34 - 36
City Hospitals Sunderland developed a 'pen portrait' initiative as part of their nursing strategy to ensure patients are at the centre of services. This article outlines the development of pen portraits and evaluates the impact they have had on patient care.

PROSTATE CANCER MENS HEALTH

Dehays, Michelle
Men's awareness of prostate cancer
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2006 44 (2): 52 - 58
Prostate cancer constitutes a major health issue for men and is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity. A qualitative exploratory, descriptive study was carried out on an sample of 10 men aged between 35 and 50 years to assess their awareness of the disease. Discusses its findings.

RESEARCH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Burnard, P
Analysing qualitative research data using computer software
Nursing Times
2006 JUN 13th 102 (24): 34 - 36
This article discusses the advantages and disadvantages of using computer software packages to manage and analyse qualitative data.

SCREENING BREAST MENTAL HEALTH WOMENS HEALTH

Werneke, Ursula
Uptake of screening for breast cancer in patients with mental health problems
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2006 JUL 60 (7): 600 - 605
There is little information on screening attendance among the mentally ill population. An audit was conducted of a breast screening service in inner London to determine uptake rates in women with mental illness.

SEX EDUCATION ADOLESCENCE SEXUAL HEALTH

Reid, Jennifer; Teijlingen, Edwin
Perceptions of school-aged women in northeast Scotland on sex education: A focus group study
The aim of this article was to investigate the current attitudes and behaviour of young women towards formal sex education and informal sources of sexual health advice.

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES MENS HEALTH**

Gilmour, Cindy  
Management of STIs in men  
Primary Health Care  
2006 JUN 16 (5): 33 - 35  
The article discusses the more common sexually transmitted infections that men present with in primary care.

**SKIN**

Buchanan, Polly  
Onychomycosis: managing patients at risk  
Journal of Community Nursing  
2006 JUN 20 (6): 35 - 40  
Gives an overview of the treatments available for managing onychomycosis.

**SMOKING NICE FAMILY PRACTICE**

Lewis, Kevin  
Guidance confirms brief interventions by GPs help smokers to give up  
Guidelines in practice  
2006 JUN 9 (6): 19 - 27  
Investing a small amount of time in helping smokers to quit can produce significant benefits for patients and the practice.

Pilkington, P.A.  
Attitudes towards second hand smoke amongst a highly exposed workforce: survey of London casino workers  
Journal of Public Health  
2006 JUN 28 (2): 104 - 110  
The objective of this study was to examine knowledge, attitudes and experiences of London casino workers regarding exposure to second hand smoke in the workplace.

**SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE BREAST FEEDING POVERTY HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

Stolzer, J; Zece, P  
Low income women and physician breastfeeding advice: A regional assessment  
Health Education Journal  
2006 JUN 65 (2): 126 - 134  
The objective of the pilot study presented here was to determine whether low income women were receiving compendious breastfeeding advice from their attending physicians.
Children who have poor vocabulary knowledge are at risk of wider language weaknesses and reading comprehension difficulties, which will impact upon their educational achievement. The central question addressed in this paper is how best to teach new vocabulary items to these children.

Wound care supplement including:- Cohesive short-stretch vs four-layer bandages for venous leg ulcers, Use of hydrogel dressing for management of a painful leg ulcer, NICE pressure ulcer guideline: summary and implications for practice, New improved Kerraboot: a tool for leg ulcer healing