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ABORTION SCREENING GENETICS
Sale, Anabel Unity
Screening Embryos - Whose right to decide?
Community Care
2006 JUN 29 (1629): 28 - 29
Questions whether screening and the option of early termination, is desirable

ACCIDENT PREVENTION ELDERLY EXERCISE AND SPORT
Skelton, Dawn
Preventing falls in older people
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 7 32 (1): 22 - 24
Includes the Falls Risk Assessment Tool

ALCOHOL PUBLIC HEALTH
Sen, Srabani
Bottling it: Britain's booze bugbear
Drug Link
2006 JUL 22 (4): 12 - 13
The article discusses the cultural acceptance of alcohol misuse and the need for stronger government strategy to tackle alcohol misuse

Goddard, Charlotte
The rise of the underage drinker
Young People Now
2006 JUL 12 (338): 8 - 9
Analysis of the findings of the research carried out by YPN and the Office of the Children's Commissioner, to find out why there is an increase in young drinkers

ASTHMA INFANTS RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES
Wing, Annie
"Why does he wheeze?": wheezing and asthma in young children
Journal of Family Health Care
2006 16 (3): 87 - 89
Explains the causes, types and patterns of wheezing and asthma in early childhood and why parents need reassurance

Dyer, Christopher
Asthma: diagnosis and management in the older person
Prescriber
2006 JUL 19 17 (14): 38 - 41
Describes the problems of diagnosis and gives practical advice for successful management of asthma

BACK PAIN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Babington-Smith, Mannie; Bartlett Sara
Lifting and driving: overcoming practical difficulties in the field
Primary Health Care
2006 JUL 16 (6): 22 - 23
The basics of avoiding back pain when carrying out patient manoeuvring or driving

BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICINES

Davis, M
Should hypertension be treated with beta-blockers?
Guidelines in practice
2006 JUL 9 (7): 13 - 14
Discusses the changes to the treatment algorithm in the updated NICE/BHS hypertension guideline

McInnes, Gordon
Latest hypertension guidance: let's consider the evidence.
Prescriber
2006 JUL 19 17 (14): 9 - 15
The article reviews the current evidence behind the NICE and BHS guidelines, including the HOPE and ASCOT trials, that demonstrate the beneficial effects of blood pressure lowering

BREAST

Graham, Helen
Understanding benign breast conditions
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 32 (2): 29 - 32
Benign breast conditions are very common and are responsible for many non-cancerous changes to breast tissue

CANCER FOOT EXERCISE AND SPORT

Williams, Anne
Lymphoedema: care in the community
Primary Health Care
2006 JUL 16 (6): 25 - 29
Covers physiology, diagnosis, management, skin care, lymph drainage, compression bandaging and quality of life

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES CHOLESTEROL DEMENTIA

Wiseman Alan
Statins in the prevention and treatment of senile 'dementias'?
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2006 JUL 126 (4): 161 - 162
Calls for the treatment with statins to be assessed as CVD may be manifested and
diagnosed as untreatable 'dementia'

**CATHETERS CONTINENCE MEDICINES**

Pomfret, Ian; Wells Mandy
Urinary catheter problems
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUL 20 (7): 14 - 18
Describes some common problems and "some not so common solutions"

**CHILD ABUSE EMOTIONS**

O'Hagan, Kieran
Children - Catch the meaning?
Community Care
2006 JUL 13 (1632): 38 - 39
Clarifies the distinction between emotional and psychological abuse

**CHILD HEALTH SERVICES LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SERVICES**

Simpson, Amanda
Promoting the health of looked after children in Scotland
Community Practitioner
2006 JUL 79 (7): 217 - 220
Aims to raise the awareness of the children's needs and explore the role of nurses
in identifying factors contributing to poor health outcomes and work in collaboration
with the other agencies to address these inequalities

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING NURSES, Teaching & Assessing**

Hall, Angela
Mentorship in the community
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUL 20 (7): 10 - 12
Hall, a nurse tutor at Swansea University, gives an overview of mentorship in the
community

**CONTRACEPTION MEDICINES PREGNANCY**

Belfield, Toni
Sexual health -FAQ's on oral contraception
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 7 32 (1): 14 - 15
Information provided by the Family Planning Association

**DIABETES MEDICINES NURSE PRESCRIBING**

Gadsby, Roger
Oral hypoglycaemic agents in type 2 diabetes
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 32 (2): 16 - 18
This article describes the oral hypoglycaemic agents that are currently available in the UK and their use in monotherapy. It also discusses some new agents that are likely to become available in the next few years.

Petri A, and others
Management of cardiovascular risk factors in people with diabetes in primary care: Cross-sectional study
Public Health
2006 JUL 120 (7): 654 - 663
Management of patients from 26 Practices in Kent, Surrey and Sussex were compared to measure whether their care complied with the NICE guidelines and found under-treatment of blood pressure and high cholesterol.

**DIET BLOOD PRESSURE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES**

Jefferson, Angie
Nutrition and reducing CVD
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUL 20 (7): 20 - 23
Jefferson, a consultant dietitian, gives an overview of how diet can reduce CVD

Stanner, Sara
New thinking about diet and cardiovascular disease
Journal of Family Health Care
2006 16 (3): 71 - 74
Explains some new potential risk factors for CVD and possible interactions between nutritional and genetic factors

Benton, David
Swallowing conventional wisdom
Young Minds
2006 JUL (83): 24 - 25
Challenges the methodology of research used to present the link between nutrition and mental health or child behaviour

**DRUG EDUCATION SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Derrick, Stuart
Drug action time
Young People Now
2006 JUL 26 (340): 17 -
Lancashire Drug Action Team plans to nearly quadruple the number of young people using its services over the next 15 months. The article explores how it intends to do this

**ELDERLY EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment) OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH**

Arnold Helen; Edgar Jen
Occupational health needs of older workers within the NHS
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2006 JUL 126 (4): 162 - 163
More attention should be paid to the health needs of the over 50’s in order to reduce the numbers forced to retire due to ill health or disability
EMERGENCY CARE

Tizzard, Zoe
Treating acute exposure to ethanol
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 32 (2): 12 - 14
Article considers how to manage ethanol and isopropanol intoxication

EMPOWERMENT HEALTH POLICY

Farrington-Douglas, Joe
Signs of the times: will people power deliver accountability?
Health Service Journal
2006 JUL 27 116 (6016): 14 - 15
Discusses the proposals for public or service users' petitions that are included in the Department of Health's recent "Commissioning Framework for teh NHS: Annex".

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Griffiths J
Environmental sustainability in the national health service in England
Public Health
2006 JUL 120 (7): 609 - 612
Puts the case for healthcare providers to minimise environmental damage caused by their activities and to use resources conservatively

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment)

Maynard, Alan; Bloor, Karen
Consultant clinical activity is key to improving productivity
Health Service Journal
2006 JUL 6 116 (6013): 18 - 19
Explains how a new tool may be used to measure whether increased pay for consultants has resulted in increased productivity

FOOD SAFETY PUBLIC HEALTH

Hainsworth, Terry
Surveillance and management of salmonella food poisoning
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 11 102 (28): 23 - 24
Looks at the nature, prevalence and management of this problem and highlights the importance of surveillance

GENETICS DIET

MacDonald, Anita; Asplin, Diane
Phenylketonuria: practical dietary management
Journal of Family Health Care
2006 16 (3): 83 - 85
Discusses the dietary treatment, the importance of maintaining the dietary regimen,
and the need for continual monitoring

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS EDUCATION

Smith, Joyce; Roberts, Rachel
Use of study days to develop the healthcare assistant role
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 25th  102 ( 30 ): 34 - 35
The Department of Health's strategies to combat staff shortages and an ageing workforce have now turned their focus to the delivery of patient care by HCAs. This article describes how a trust redesigned the role of HCAs and implemented a study day in order to enhance both theoretical knowledge and clinical practice for this role.

HEALTH SERVICES FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Rossiter, Ann
Good buy to all that
Health Service Journal
2006 JUN 29  116 ( 6012 ): 24 - 25
Rossiter, Dir of Social Market Foundation, warns that exploitation for excess profit for public services is inevitable if the government's procurement process is not improved.

HIV & AIDS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment)

Coetzee, Philna
Effect of HIV/AIDS on the control environment
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2006 JUL  126 ( 4 ): 183 - 190
S African study recommends that management should determine whether HIV is a risk to their organisation, and in order to manage the risk, they need to look into ways of controlling the costs.

IMMUNISATION INFANTS MENINGITIS

Diggle, Linda
Childhood immunisation: Planned changes to the routine schedule (1)
Community Practitioner
2006 JUL  79 ( 7 ): 231 - 232
Discusses the introduction of pneumococcal vaccine and catch-up programme for the schedule.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONFIDENTIALITY

Allen, Martin
Protecting electronic data
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 11  102 ( 28 ): 20 - 21
Reports on security aspects necessary when using laptops to store patient's data.

INJURY INFECTION CONTROL FIRST AID
Robinson, Bryan  
Needlestick injuries - Sharps injury  
Practice Nurse  
2006 JUL 7 32 (1): 38 - 41  
Robinson, an infection control nurse, gives a guide to the potential risks and how to manage them

LEARNING DISABILITIES COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Klaushofer, Alex  
Learning difficulties - Happy endings  
Community Care  
2006 JUL 27 (1633): 32 - 33  
Reports on a novel project where people with learning difficulties are studying for a qualification in story telling while improving their communication skills

LEG ULCERS WOUND HEALING

Benbow, Maureen  
Strategies for managing arterial leg ulcers  
Practice Nurse  
2006 JUL 32 (2): 20 - 28  
arterial leg ulcers are the second most common type of leg ulcer. Once the underlying cause has been identified an effective management strategy can be initiated.

Anderson, Irene  
Aetiology, assessment and management of leg ulcers  
Wound Essentials  
2006 1 (): 20 - 37  
Outlines the main issues with emphasis on venous leg ulcers

Hopkins, Alison  
How to apply effective multilayer compression bandaging  
Wound Essentials  
2006 1 (): 38 - 42  
Describes how to select and apply a multilayer compression bandage system safely to an average sized limb

Eagle, Mary  
Selection, measurement and application of graduated compression hosiery  
Wound Essentials  
2006 1 (): 44 - 52  
Information to overcome the hazards, problems and pitfalls associated with compression hosiery

Worboys, Fran  
How to obtain the resting ABPI in leg ulcer management  
Wound Essentials  
2006 1 (): 55 - 60  
Describes how to obtain and calculate the Ankle Brachial Pressure Index

Acton, Clare
Treating mixed aetiology leg ulcers using a silver-impregnated dressing
Wound Essentials
2006 1 ( ): 61 - 63
Covers a case study of an 87 year old lady with unhealed ulcers on both legs, who improved over a period of a week.

Newton, Heather
The multiprofessional treatment of a patient with arterial leg ulceration
Wound Essentials
2006 1 ( ): 64 - 66
Illustrates how early assessment and interventions to treat the cause, together with appropriate wound care will optimise healing

LIFESTYLE HEALTH PROMOTION PUBLIC HEALTH
Mitchell, Terry; Beattie-Huggan, Patsy
Bridging the distance between lifestyle and determinants of health approaches: The Circle of Health as a synthesis tool
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2006 44 (2): 78 - 82
Describes the development and validation of an innovative Canadian health promotion tool with the potential to bridge the divide between lifestyle and systems approaches to healthcare.

MENTAL HEALTH LAW
What really killed the mental health bill?
Health Matters
2006 SUM (64): 12 - 14
In March 2006 the Government abandoned its controversial mental health bill, after years of consultation and debate. The article profiles various service providers' and academics' views on what really killed the bill and what should happen next

Van de Weyer, Courtney
Food for thought.
Health Matters
2006 SUM (64): 18 - 19
The article reviews the evidence that mental ill health may be linked to diet.

Grizzell, Moganeswari
Creating a community-based memory clinic for older people
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 11 102 (28): 32 - 34
Describes the development of a multi-disciplinary nurse-led memory clinic which has become an important part of the community service for older people with dementia or mental health problems

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS COMMUNITY CARE
Weightman, Cherie
Long-term management of patients with multiple sclerosis
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUL 11 (7): 303 - 307
Discusses some of the challenges facing district nurses in supporting MS patients
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS HOSPITALS

Hartley, Joanna
Will trusts self-assess honestly?
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 18th 102 (29): 11 -
The new Annual Health Check ratings system asks trusts to assess their own levels of quality

NICE HEART DISEASES EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH

Begg, Alan
Guidance will help GPs to identify and treat atrial fibrillation
Guidelines in practice
2006 JUL 9 (7): 17 - 25
NICE guideline recommends that GPs should adopt a patient-centred approach when managing and treating individual cases of AF

Chaplin, Steve
NICE Clinical Guideline 34: updated hypertension guidance
Prescriber
2006 JUL 19 17 (14): 19 - 20
Summarises the updated guideline on hypertension management in primary care

NURSE PRESCRIBING MEDICINES CLINICAL GOVERNANCE

Baird, Anne
Prescribing from the full BNF
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 7 32 (1): 30 - 31
Considers the impact of broadened prescribing rights

NURSES, Teaching and Assessing LONG TERM CONDITIONS

Vere-Jones, Emma
Avoiding long-term illness
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 4 102 (27): 17 - 18
Questions why many nurses end up on extended sick leave and what employers and nurses can do to prevent it

Beckford-Ball, Jason
New initiatives to address the healthcare needs of men
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 4 102 (27): 23 - 24
Examines what nurses can do to improve men's health.

NURSES, Teaching & Assessing
Elliston, Kevin; Wilkinson, June
Supporting public health practitioners
Primary Health Care
2006 JUL 16 (6): 18 - 20
A skills audit shows that nurses require support to gain new skills

NURSING EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment)

Strachan-Bennett, Seonaid
Taking steps with KSF
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 11 102 (28): 16 - 17
Questions whether the nursing profession is prepared for KSF

O'Dowd Adrian
The reality of redundancy
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 18th 102 (29): 18 - 19
No one expected that it would actually happen- but the threat of nurse redundancies has now become a reality. A matron, a sister and a newly qualified nurse tell their stories.

Hall, Angela
Learning from incidents in primary care
Primary Health Care
2006 JUL 16 (6): 38 - 40
How nurses can turn incidents into positive learning experiences

NURSING PROCEDURES FIRST AID EMERGENCY CARE

Jevon, Phil
Basic airway management
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 4 102 (27): 26 - 27
Part three of Resuscitation Skills (Illustrated practical procedures)

OBESITY NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS

Godson, Ros
Obesity: taking control
Community Practitioner
2006 JUL 79 (7): 208 - 209
Highlights the latest DoH guidance and the role of community practitioners in the management of obesity. (www.dh.gov.uk)

Shepherd, V E
Managing patients who are overweight or obese
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 7 32 (1): 42 - 47
Looks at the practical aspects of managing overweight people for weight loss

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYMENT (incl.}
Unemployment)

Smith, Les and others
Is CBT the missing link?
Occupational Health
2006 JUN 58 (6): 17 - 18
Cognitive behaviour therapy could be the answer to tackling workplace mental health problems, but investment in training of OH staff would be necessary

Bean, Sara
Career competency framework update - Skills in the frame
Occupational Health
2006 JUN 58 (6): 23 - 25
Report on whether the RCN framework to guide the professional development OH practitioners has achieved its aims

Nicholson, Paul
Respiratory health - A breath of fresh air
Occupational Health
2006 JUN 58 (7): 20 - 21
New health screening developments means that current practice needs reviewing and updating

Gates, Elizabeth
Routes of infection
Public Health News
2006 JUL 3 ( ): 12 - 13
Report on the health threats faced by immigrant healthcare workers when they arrive in the UK

PAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

Godfrey, Kathryn
Giving Pain Relief
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 18th 102 (29): 20 - 21
Three nurse-led community pain management clinics in Lincolnshire have radically reduced waiting times and improved patient satisfaction. Author looks at their work and their plans to develop their services.

Campbell, William; Broomhead, Charles
Managing severe pain
Prescriber
2006 JUL 19 17 (14): 43 - 45
The article answers questions posed on the management of severe pain and comments on two case histories.

PALLIATIVE CARE RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES

Tinker, Ros; While, Alison
Promoting quality of life for patients with moderate to severe COPD
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUL 11 (7): 278 - 283
Reviews the evidence which highlights smoking cessation and the importance of
encouraging exercise and organising timely palliative care

PARKINSON’S DISEASE NICE

Beckfor-Ball, Jason
Implications of the latest NICE Parkinson’s disease guidance
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 18th 102 (29): 25 - 26
This month sees the release of new NICE best practice guidance for healthcare professionals caring for people with Parkinson’s disease. The variety and severity of symptoms that affect people with Parkinson’s result in significant disability and present a unique set of challenges for nurses.

PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL SERVICES HEALTH SERVICES

Sale, Anabel Unity
Partnerships - Paired for success
Community Care
2006 JUL 20 (1632): 30 - 31
Profiles successful health and social care joint working

Doel, Mark
Groupwork - All in the same boat
Community Care
2006 JUL 20 (1632): 34 - 35
Explains the benefits of groupwork to solve problems and how it brings out the best in a team and individuals

PATIENT ASSESSMENT CONTINENCE OBESITY

Cooper Pam
The management of skin excoriation due to urinary incontinence
Wound Essentials
2006 1 ( ): 92 - 93
Case report of an obese, arthritic patient suffering from reduced mobility - Covers assessment and treatment

PRESSURE SORES WOUND HEALING DIABETES

Beldon, Pauline
Pressure ulcers: Prevention and management
Wound Essentials
2006 1 ( ): 68 - 81
Emphasises the importance for guidelines to reflect current evidence and are continually reviewed in order to provide the best possible care

PROSTATE MEDICINES PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Taylor Claire and others
Current drug management of BPH in primary care
Prescriber
2006 JUL 19 17 (14): 31 - 36
Considers the efficacy and side effects of drug treatments for benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)

PUBLIC HEALTH MORTALITY RATES

Doran, Tim and others
Health underachievement and overachievement in English local authorities
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2006 AUG  60 ( 8 ): 686 - 693
Whilst life expectancy is strongly associated with material deprivation and with the local sociodemographic context, the evidence shows that some local authorities are able to overachieve in health terms whilst other, including some in affluent areas, underachieve

Abbott, S and others
What sort of networks are public health networks?
Public Health
2006 JUN  120 ( 6 ): 551 - 556
2003 Study using telephone interviews of key players in public health networks in all SHA’s in England, found that the networks set up by the government was inadequate and unnecessary

RELIGION ETHNIC GROUPS MENTAL HEALTH

Walker, Steven
Things of the spirit
Young Minds
2006 JUL ( 83 ): 28 - 29
The role of religion and spirituality in mental health

RESEARCH

Lee, Polly
Understanding the basic aspects of research papers
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 4  102 ( 27 ): 28 - 30
First in a series of 3 articles gives an insight into the steps involved in research and enables critique of publications with more confidence

Lee, Polly
Understanding and critiquing quantitative research papers
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 11  102 ( 28 ): 28 - 30
Explores quantitative research which focuses on objectivity that may be applied to other situations

SCREENING INFANTS COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Hargreaves, Katrina and others
Health visitors’ role in newborn blood spot screening
Community Practitioner
2006 JUL  79 ( 7 ): 221 - 224
Outlines the communication guidelines developed by the UKNSPC and the role of
Wall, Alison and others  
Phenylketonuria: management in primary care  
Journal of Family Health Care  
2006 16(3):68-69  
PCTs need a clinical governance framework for neonatal screening to ensure that all children are adequately tested for PKU

Young, Felicity  
Syphilis: still with us, so watch out  
Journal of Family Health Care  
2006 16(3):77-81  
Since public awareness of syphilis in the UK is low, it is important for healthcare professionals to screen for it whenever appropriate.

SEXUAL HEALTH TEENAGE PREGNANCY PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS

Meldrum Julie; Pringle Alan  
Sex, lives and videotape  
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health  
2006 JUL 126(4):172-177  
Outlines an approach in Nottinghamshire whereby video interviews were used to garner information for discussion and developing PCT policy to deal with sexual health issues and teenage pregnancy

Giannakopolou Christina and others  
User involvement in the provision of HIV services: some lessons learned from a user group in an HIV treatment centre in London  
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health  
2006 JUL 126(4):178-182  
Discusses the challenges which must be considered before meaningful user involvement can be implemented

Evans, David  
Promoting sexual health to young people to reduce STIs  
Nursing Times  
2006 JUL 25th 102(30):25-26  
Despite sexual health remaining virtually non-existent in most pre-registration curricula, preventative healthcare is an obligation in the NMC’s (2004) Code of Professional Conduct. Promoting effective condom use, as a proven contraceptive healthcare resource, over and above its contraceptive potential, is an essential element of good holistic care and is a key concept of health promotion and duty of care

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES WOMENS HEALTH CERVIX

Feder, Angie  
Management of STIs in women  
Primary Health Care  
2006 JUL 16(6):31-33  
Focuses on the common signs and symptoms that women may present with in the primary care setting
SKIN
Freak, Jane
An overview of acne vulgaris
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 25th 102 (30): 30 - 32
Acne vulgaris (common acne) is the most common disease seen by dermatologists. It is a chronic inflammatory condition of the pilosebaceous units and with therapy the prognosis is good.

Timmons, John
Skin functions and wound healing physiology
Wound Essentials
2006 1 (): 8 - 17
Describes the structure and function of the skin and outlines the four normal healing phases

SMOKING ADOLESCENCE HEALTH PROMOTION
Thrasher, J F and others
Using anti-tobacco industry messages to prevent smoking among high-risk adolescents
Health Education Research
2006 JUN 21 (3): 325 - 337
US study revealed that media campaigns which focus on the deceitful practices of the tobacco industry have succeeded in preventing smoking among adolescents

Wakefield, M and others
An experimental study of effects on school children of exposure to point-of-sale cigarette advertising and pack displays
Health Education Research
2006 JUN 21 (3): 338 - 347
Australian study found that the presence of cigarette displays at the point-of-sale, even in the absence of advertising, has adverse effects on students’ perceptions about the ease of access to cigarettes and brand recall, both increasing the risk of taking up smoking

Audrey, S and others
Meeting the challenges of implementing process evaluation within randomized controlled trials: the example of ASSIST
Health Education Research
2006 JUN 21 (3): 366 - 377
Study carried out in Wales and England by Univ of Bristol describes how measuring effectiveness under routine conditions in A Stop Smoking in Schools Trial (ASSIST) met the evaluation requirements of both researchers and health promoters.

Pan, W
Proactive telephone counseling as an adjunct to minimal intervention for smoking cessation: a meta-analysis
Health Education Research
2006 JUN 21 (3): 416 - 427
22 studies were assessed and found that researchers and health care providers need to focus on participants as much as on the intervention process in order to maximise cessation.
McDermott, L J and others
From partying to parenthood: young women's perceptions of cigarette smoking across life transitions
Health Education Research
2006 JUN 21 ( 3 ): 428 - 439
Study explored influences on adoption, maintenance and cessation of smoking and found that initially it facilitated social acceptance, but later when plans for motherhood arose, the negative aspects came to the fore, but the "stress relieving" role of cigarettes remained long term

van Lethe, Frank; Mackenbach, Johan P
Neighbourhood and individual socioeconomic inequalities in smoking: the role of physical neighbourhood stressors
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
2006 AUG 60 ( 8 ): 699 - 705
Physical neighbourhood stressors contribute substantially to neighbourhood inequalities in smoking

Lomas, Clare
Helping Nurses Kick the Habit
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 25th 102 ( 30 ): 20 - 21
around one-third of nurses smoke despite being aware of the health hazards. Author investigates the reasons why and looks at what support is available for those wanting to quit

SOCIAL SERVICES NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE COMMUNITY CARE

Henwood, Melanie
Continuing care - A national template
Community Care
2006 JUN 29 ( 1629 ): 30 - 31
Lists the key points of the new continuing care framework and evaluates whether it will resolve inequities

SOCIAL WORK NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Sims, Dave
Training - Two into one does go
Community Care
2006 JUL 13 ( 1632 ): 36 - 37
Looks at research on the experiences of practitioners who jointly trained in learning disability nursing and social work

STROKE

Warren, Ed
A concise guide to Stroke
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 32 ( 2 ): 33 - 35
Stroke is very common and people who have had a stroke require appropriate care and support in the community
SUICIDE MEDICINES PAIN

Hawkins, Leonard
Managing poisoning by over-the-counter analgesics
Practice Nurse
2006 JUL 7  32 ( 1 ): 20 - 21
Hawkins from Guy's and St Thomas' Poisons Unit, reflects on common queries and provides information for managing OTC analgesic overdose

SURGERY NUTRITION NURSING PROCEDURES

Hillier, Mark
Exploring the evidence around pre-operative fasting practices
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 11  102 ( 28 ): 36 - 38
Explores the evidence on fasting to allow nurses to reflect on their own practice

THROMBOSIS EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH

Shrubb, Debbie; Mason, Wendy
The management of deep vein thrombosis in lymphoedema: a review
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 JUL 11 ( 7 ): 292 - 297
Examines the evidence for continued use of graduated compression in cases of DVT in lymphoedema

TRAINING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Pooransingh S; Hawker J
Are we prepared for a deliberate release of a biological agent?
Public Health
2006 JUL 120 ( 7 ): 613 - 617
Study looked at the preparedness across the W Midlands found that plans were in place, but there was room for improvement in staff training and exercises to test plans.

WOUND HEALING PATIENT ASSESSMENT

Cooper, Pam
How to probe a wound during assessment
Wound Essentials
2006 1 ( ): 87 - 89
Explains the best way to carry out a wound probe and how to manage an undermining wound

Beldon, Pauline
Best practice for the assessment and management of superficial skin tears
Wound Essentials
2006 1 ( ): 108 - 109
Beldon, a tissue viability nurse consultant, recommends prompt action and non-adherent comfortable dressings to aid healing