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ACCIDENT PREVENTION HEALTH PROMOTION ELDERLY

Yardley L, Donovan-Hall M and others
Older people’s view of advice about falls prevention: a qualitative study
Health Education Research
2006  AUG  21 ( 4 ): 508 - 517
Findings suggest that advice is not rejected due to ignorance of the risk, but because it is a threat to their autonomy, and a focus on the benefits of improving balance may be more acceptable

Vere-Jones, Emma
Taking steps to reduce falls
Nursing Times
2006  AUG 1  102 ( 31 ): 16 - 17
Reports on why it has taken so long for attention to be paid to such a costly problem

McQuillan R; Campbell H
Gender differences in adolescent injury characteristics: A population-based study of hospital A & E data
Public Health
2006  AUG  120 ( 8 ): 732 - 741
Scottish study found gender inequalities which suggests a lack of partipation in sportby girls and boys’ football contributing to most injuries, and recommends that accident prevention is focused on making football safer

Beard J; Rowell D and others
Economic analysis of a community-based falls prevention program
Public Health
2006  AUG  120 ( 8 ): 742 - 751
Australian study found that well-designed community-based interventions targeted at older people were cost effective

ADOLESCENCE PARENTING CHILDREN

Andrews, Crispin
Proud to be a dad
Young People Now
2006  AUG  2  ( 341 ): 17 - 17
How young fathers’ projects are helping to young fathers to maintain relationships with their children

Gregory Helen
Healthy eating - Out with the junk
Young People Now
2006  AUG 16  ( 342 ): 14 - 15
Reports on the fact that youth clubs are not helping to tackle obesity by having
vending machines with unhealthy food and activities requiring no physical exercise

**ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE & THERAPIES NURSING**

Lomas Clare  
Building the case for CAM  
Nursing Times  
2006 AUG 22 102 (34): 16 - 17  
Looks at the role nurses play in determining the value of complementary and alternative medicine

**ASTHMA MEDICINES RESEARCH**

Corrigan Chris  
Omalizumab: a new add-on therapy for severe asthma  
Prescriber  
2006 JUL 5 17 (13): 11 - 15  
Describes the clinical trial results in terms of efficacy and side-effects and explains how it is administered

**AUTISM NURSING**

Hainsworth, Terry  
The prevalence and causes of autistic spectrum disorders  
Nursing Times  
2006 AUG 1 102 (31): 23 - 24  
Covers definition and nursing implications as well

**BLOOD PRESSURE NICE MEDICINES**

Mead Mike  
Implementing the new NICE hypertension guideline  
Practice Nurse  
2006 AUG 18 32 (3): 18 - 24  
Mead, a GP, clarifies how patient care will change

**BOWEL DISORDERS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

Bywater, Anna; While, Alison  
Management of bowel dysfunction in people with multiple sclerosis  
British Journal of Community Nursing  
2006 AUG 11 (8): 333 - 337  
The is little evidence on which to base bowel management strategies for people with MS. However, this review examine what there is, and draws out some general principles.

Emily, Marion; Rochester, Patsy  
A new look at constipation management in the community  
British Journal of Community Nursing  
2006 AUG 11 (8): 326 - 332  
This article describes how a multidisciplinary team took a hard look at the management of constipation, in order to formulate an evidence-based guideline,
and reduce laxative use.

Burrows Anna; Humphrey Scott
A patient satisfaction survey of a nurse-led colorectal clinic
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 29  102 ( 35 ): 31 - 33
Results of the survey showed satisfaction with only minor issues needing improvement

**CLINICAL GOVERNANCE REFLECTION EMPLOYMENT (incl. Unemployment)**

Young, Andy
Finding time to reflect
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 8  102 ( 32 ): 22 - 23
Reflective practice by nurses is often neglected due to lack of time or support, but could cost nurses dearly in the long run

**COMMUNITY CARE NURSING QUALITY CARE**

Parkinson, Wendy
Are district nurses too task oriented to meet the needs of the 21st century?
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 AUG  20 ( 8 ): 4 - 8
Questions whether the current community nurse workforce will be able to deliver the increasingly complex care

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING LONG TERM CONDITIONS**

Clegg, Angie and others
Becoming a community matron: the transition from acute to primary care
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 AUG 11 ( 8 ): 342 - 344
The article draws together 2 personal accounts by nurses in one primary care trust (Leeds North West PCT) who have made the transition from acute care to community matron, and highlights the learning process that they and their colleagues have undergone

Virtual ward aims to cut unplanned admissions
Nursing Times
2006 JUL 18  102 ( 29 ): 7 -
Brief news article about Croydon’s virtual wards pilot to care for patients with complex long-term conditions in the community. The pilot is led by community matrons who case manages the patients.

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CARERS**

Morris Tania
The role of the mental health support time recovery worker
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 15  102 ( 33 ): 23 - 24
Looks at this role in the mental health arena providing user-focused services with limited staff.
CONTRACEPTION ABORTION ETHICS

Kraszewski Sarah
Emergency contraception
Practice Nurse
2006 AUG 18 32 (3): 29 - 31
Includes history taking, treatment options, long-term options and ethical issues

DIABETES DEPRESSION RESEARCH

Zhao W; Chen Y and others
Association between diabetes and depression: Sex and age differences
Public Health
2006 AUG 120 (8): 696 - 703
Canadian study suggests that diabetes is significantly associated with depression in 20-39 age group

Kumar D; Bajaj S; Mehrotra R
Knowledge, attitude and practice of complementary and alternative medicines for diabetes
Public Health
2006 AUG 120 (8): 705 - 711
Indian study found that patients needed to be educated about CAM and self care, and recommends that clinicians explore with patients their use of CAM before they are treated

DRUG DEPENDENCE

Heather Kim
Poisons management - The abuse of illicit drugs
Practice Nurse
2006 AUG 18 32 (3): 26 - 28
How to recognise and manage patients who may have taken illicit drugs

ELDERLY SOCIAL WELFARE LAW

Pati Anita
Advocacy - Spoken for
Community Care
2006 AUG 24 (1637): 30 - 31
Advocates prevent many older people from dropping off the social care radar

EMERGENCY CARE HOSPITALS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE LONG TERM CONDITIONS

Chaplin, Steve
Cutting costs by reducing emergency admissions
Prescriber
2006 JUL 5 17 (13): 28 - 31
Unless effective primary care interventions are developed to manage chronic conditions, reductions in emergency admissions will not be achieved
FAMILY PRACTICE PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS

Carlisle, Daloni
Primary Care - Refer to sender
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 10    116 ( 6018 ): 20 - 22
Reports on a voluntary "referral scrutiny" scheme which has led to a decrease in referrals

Chaplin, Steve
The yellow card scheme - why are GPs under-reporting?
Prescriber
2006 AUG 5    17 ( 15 ): 18 - 22
Describes the new BMA report which suggests how the problem of under-reporting can be overcome

GYNAECOLOGICAL DISEASES HIV & AIDS CONTRACEPTION

Shah, Sapna; Johnson, Margaret
Gynaecological issues in women infected with HIV
AIDS & Hepatitis Digest
2006 MAY    ( 113 ): 2 - 4
Further research is required to address the specific gynaecological needs of HIV-positive women

Auld, Barry; Sinha, Prabha
Dysmenorrhoea: features and current treatment options
Prescriber
2006 JUL 5    17 ( 13 ): 33 - 40
Drug review discusses the symptoms and causes of dysmenorrhoea, and the efficacy of various treatments

HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SCHOOLS, NURSING DISABILITY

Coverdale, Gill; Lancaster, Kath
HNA - the theory practice gap recedes
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 AUG    ( 8 ): 10 - 16
Explores the key themes of a health needs assessment, and how it has led to the development and implementation of a working model within school nursing

HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

Godfrey, Kathryn
Partners in health
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 8    102 ( 32 ): 18 - 19
Report on a social enterprise, Principia, set up and run by community nurses

HIV & AIDS LAW MEDICINES
Flowers, Paul  
Living with HIV: an overview of contemporary psychosocial issues among gay men  
Aids & Hepatitis Digest  
2006 JUL (114): 1 - 5  
Looks at issues of stigma, disclosure, discrimination and uncertainty

Bonell C, Strange V and others  
HIV prevention outreach in commercial gay venues in large cities: evaluation findings from London  
Health Education Research  
2006 AUG 21 (4): 452 - 463  
Evaluation found that gay venue-based HIV prevention outreach work has the potential to address emerging needs although cultural considerations may be required in some cities

de-Sammy Christiana  
Developing antenatal classes for women with HIV infection  
Nursing Times  
2006 AUG 22 102 (34): 32 - 34  
Describes classes led by a nurse specialist which aims to reduce mother-to-child transmission

HOSPITALS DISABILITY

Oxtoby, Kathy  
An advocate for care  
Nursing Times  
2006 AUG 1 102 (31): 18 - 19  
Explains how a disability nurse specialist improved the hospital experience of those who are disabled

KIDNEY DISEASES NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK QUALITY CARE FAMILY PRACTICE

Kane-ToddHall Steve  
Chronic kidney disease indicators overlap with other disease areas  
Guidelines in practice  
2006 AUG 9 (8): 17 - 23  
Explains that some patients will already be managed appropriately due to their co-morbid conditions and QOF1 compliance and recommends systems to ensure regular CKD reviews

LEARNING DISABILITIES RESIDENTIAL CARE QUALITY CARE

Hunter, Mark  
Learning difficulties - Flip side of private provision  
Community Care  
2006 AUG 3 (1634): 26 - 27  
Questions whether the care by private providers is different to that which was previously provided in the long-stay institutions

Ahmed Maria
Learning Difficulties - Nobody values us
Community Care
2006 AUG 24 (1637): 26 - 27
Families in Cornwall talk about cuts to services

Sale Anabel Unity
Learning Difficulties - Just the job
Community Care
2006 AUG 24 (1637): 28 - 29
As doubt hangs over the future of Remploy, options for those seeking employment are considered

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS

Golding Nick
Joint working - Rocky patch
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 17 116 (6019): 21 - 22
Looks at the strained relationship between PCTs and local authorities and recommends forward planning and clear boundaries for the future

Rogers Emily
Connexions
Young People Now
2006 AUG 30 (343): 14 - 15
Report that although responsibility for delivering information, advice and guidance will transfer to local authorities in 2008 some Connexions partnerships have started to put new structures in place

LONG TERM CONDITIONS NURSING

Bowler Mandy
Use of community matrons for care of long-term conditions
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 15 102 (33): 31 - 33
Describes the appointment of nurses to act as key workers and utilise their advanced clinical skills to improve the care of vulnerable patients

MEDICINES NURSE PRESCRIBING

Fairley, Debra
Factors influencing effective independent nurse prescribing
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 1 102 (31): 34 - 37
Study shows the limitations imposed by the "Nurse Prescribers' Formulary" and welcomes the CSM's recommendation that suitably trained nurses should prescribe from the BNF

Newsholme, William
Diagnosis and management of helminth infections
Prescriber
2006 AUG 5 17 (15): 24 - 32
Prescriber review: Helminth infections
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLING

Dent, Emma
Mental health - Walk the walk
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 3 116 ( 6017 ): 22 - 24
Two innovative pilot schemes will test whether accessible talking therapies for mild to moderate mental health problems are cost effective

Cooke, Mike
Mental Health
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 3 116 ( 6017 ): 25 - 25
Cooke, CE of South Staffordshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, puts the case for involvement of service users and carers in the design and development of services

Beckford-Ball Jason
An overview of NICE guidelines on bipolar disorder
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 22 102 ( 34 ): 23 - 24
Focuses on treatment options, self help strategies, services that should be available, and support for carers and family

Morris Tania
A mental health worker for minority ethnic communities
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 29 102 ( 35 ): 23 - 24
Outlines the key components of the role and how it is intended to ensure the mental health needs of BME communities are met

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS NURSING

O'Connell Nicola
Putting MS patients back in control
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 15 102 ( 33 ): 20 - 21
A government scheme has helped to create opportunities for MS nurse specialists (www.ukmssna.org.uk)

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Donnelly, Laura
Nicholson appointment - New NHS Chief Executive
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 3 116 ( 6017 ): 14 - 15
Nicholson, the only public sector candidate shortlisted, believes that the market is the best route to equity in health services

OSTEOPOROSIS MEDICINES NICE

Brankin, Eamonn; Brown, Pam
Managing osteoporosis
Prescriber
2006 JUL 5    17 ( 13 ): 43 - 45
Q & A's on the treatment of osteoporosis, and comments on two case histories

PAIN PALLIATIVE CARE CANCER

Lee, Paul
Designing a simple help card for use with a syringe driver
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 1    102 ( 31 ): 31 - 33
Describes how a small, simple-to-use card was developed; also covers ways to reduce errors when setting up and monitoring 24- hour subcutaneous infusions for pain and symptom control

PALLIATIVE CARE DEATH QUALITY CARE

Tapsfield Alison
Improving the care of dying patients in the community
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 29    102 ( 35 ): 28 - 30
Clinical experience suggests that the NHS funded Macmillan Gold Standards Framework provides improved patient care, staff morale and reduction in hospital or hospice care

PARENTING IMMUNISATION

Bedford, Helen; Lansley Marilyn
Information on childhood immunisation; parents' views
Community Practitioner
2006 AUG    79 ( 8 ): 252 - 255
Study finds that NHS leaflets and information from HV's was insufficient and recommends that health professionals are better informed in view of the introduction of the pneumococcal vaccine

PARKINSON'S DISEASE MEDICINES

Noble, Carolyn
Modes of drug delivery used to manage Parkinson's disease
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 8    102 ( 32 ): 30 - 32
An overview of Parkinson's disease, the pharmacological and care management, long-term complications, and novel treatment approaches

PATIENT ASSESSMENT MEDICINES MENTAL HEALTH

Drummond Lynne; Fineberg Naomi
Obsessive-compulsive disorder: current management options
Prescriber
2006 JUL 5    17 ( 13 ): 17 - 27
Discusses psychological and drug treatments, and explains when referral for specialised treatment is appropriate
PATIENTS LEG ULCERS

Lindsay Ellie
Leg Clubs: giving patients a voice in leg ulcer management
Community Practitioner
2006 AUG 79 (8): 245 - 246
Popularity is rising for community-based clinics which enable patients to be partners in the care process

PREGNANCY ADOLESCENCE SOCIAL WELFARE

Ghose, Dipika
How youth services are tackling the issue of teenage pregnancy
Young People Now
2006 AUG 2 (341): 9 - 9
Report on the impact of youth services on teenage pregnancy rates

PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS QUALITY CARE NURSES, Teaching and Assessing

Abbott, S and others
Introducing clinical supervision community-based nurses
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 AUG 11 (8): 346 - 348
Discusses the introduction of mandatory supervision for all front-line nursing staff across City and Hackney PCT, which has now become embedded in the organisation

Trueland Jennifer
Governance - Community foundation trusts
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 24 116 (6020): 12 - 13
After backtracking from plans to split commissioners and providers, could community foundation trusts be the answer?

Carlisle Daloni
Fitness for purpose - Feel the heat
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 24 116 (6020): 20 - 22
Report on the overwhelming feeling by PCT chief executives that the fitness for purpose reviews are costly and unfair

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE HEALTH PROMOTION PATIENT EDUCATION

Bowron, Annette
Nurses: Bridging the gap in patient care
Community Practitioner
2006 AUG 79 (8): 242 - 242
Nurses are key to improving public healthcare literacy via primary care

PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTH PROMOTION
Donnelly, Laura; Gould, Mark
Blair on public health
Health Service Journal
2006 AUG 3 116 (6017): 12 - 13
On his public health campaign trail, the PM called for a division between government and personal responsibility.

QUALITY CARE FAMILY PRACTICE TRAINING

Watson Nigel
Frequent significant event reviews benefit all practice staff
Guidelines in practice
2006 AUG 9 (8): 31 - 34
Explains the benefits to patients of QOF2 emphasis of regular significant event reviews, with continual training for clinical and non-clinical staff

RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK
QUALITY CARE FAMILY PRACTICE

Saul Peter
Utilise any annual patient visits to carry out a COPD review
Guidelines in practice
2006 AUG 9 (8): 24 - 28
Saul, a GP, explains how spirometry, review of inhaler technique and influenza immunisation can be combined to comply with COPD indicators

SCREENING TUBERCULOSIS PUBLIC HEALTH

MacPherson DW; Gushulak BD
Balancing prevention and screening among international migrants with tuberculosis: Population mobility as the major epidemiological influence in low-incidence nations
Public Health
2006 AUG 120 (8): 712 - 723
Migration from high-endemic TB regions will challenge local control in low-endemic areas and evidence-based approaches with ongoing evaluation will be necessary for effective use of resources

SEXUAL HEALTH WOMENS HEALTH VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Taylor Jennifer
Streets ahead
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 29 102 (35): 18 - 19
Report on how Manchester Action on Street Health’s nurse practitioners are reaching sex workers via voluntary sector outreach services

SKIN MEDICINES

Mauri-Sole Inma
Dermatology - Managing psoriasis
Practice Nurse
2006 AUG 18 32 (3): 12 - 15
SMOKING STRESS & ANXIETY DEPRESSION

Perry Margaret
Nicotine dependence
Practice Nurse
2006 AUG 18 32 (3): 39 - 43
Looks at why smoking cessation is so difficult to sustain and suggests further interventions to increase success rates

Edwards R; McElduff P and others
Pleasure or pain? A profile of smokers in Northern England
Public Health
2006 AUG 120 (8): 760 - 767
Data from a questionnaire completed by urban adults revealed that regardless of the area of residence or the level of deprivation, smokers had poorer physical, social and mental health

STOMA NUTRITION

Burch, Jennie
Nutrition and the ostomate: input, output and absorption
British Journal of Community Nursing
2006 AUG 11 (8): 349 - 351
Covers the principles of nutrition and hydration for stoma patients

STROKE PATIENT EDUCATION NURSING

Lawson Caroline
Best practice in management of patients with acute stroke
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 22 102 (34): 28 - 30
Covers the different types of stroke, risk factors, clinical symptoms, development of stroke units, nursing management and education for secondary prevention

Hoban Victoria
Raising the status of stroke
Nursing Times
2006 AUG 29 102 (35): 16 - 17
Report on how nurse-led stroke care can improve service access for stroke patients

TUBERCULOSIS SKIN PATIENT ASSESSMENT

Cockane Edward
Scrofula
Prescriber
2006 JUL 5 17 (13): 16 - 16
Explains how the term "Scrofula" is used today precisely when there is evidence of mycobacterium to diagnose tuberculosis
VOLUNTARY SERVICES FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Gulch Richard
Third sector - Time to take the plunge
Community Care
2006 AUG 24 (1637): 32 - 33
Voluntary sector organisations may have the skills to deliver public services but will only be able to do so if they are commissioned to provide them

WOMENS HEALTH PATIENT ASSESSMENT PAIN

Williams Nerys
Ten tips on endometriosis
Practice Nurse
2006 AUG 18 32 (3): 32 - 35
Includes diagnosis, pain management, surgical management, and medication

WOUND HEALING NURSING PROCEDURES

Magson-Roberts, Sally
Is tap water a safe alternative to normal saline for wound cleansing?
Journal of Community Nursing
2006 AUG 20 (8): 19 - 24
The literature review does not provide a definitive answer, and saline appears to be the safest option, although no recognised problems have been identified with the use of tap water.