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ADOLESCENCE ENURESIS CONTINENCE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Weaver, Anne; Dobson, Penny
Urinary continence difficulties in adolescence
British Journal of School Nursing
2008 JUL 3 ( 4 ): 186 - 190
The article looks at the school nurses' important role when dealing with the treatment of adolescent urinary continence difficulties.

ADOPTION ALCOHOL MISUSE CHILDREN

Gulland, Anne
Good practice - Meeting the needs of children with foetal alcohol syndrome
Community Care
2008 JUL 3 ( 1729 ): 22 - 23
How Parents for Children, an adoption agency, helps children who suffer from foetal alcohol syndrome

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DEMENTIA ARTS

Killick, John
Museums, the arts, responsive care and supportive design
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 ( 4 ): 24 - 26
Article introduces the US-based care provider Hearthstone Alzheimer Care, which is fast becoming a beacon of good practice in the care sector

ANAEMIA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE MEDICINES

Smith, Alastair; Wechalekar, Ashu
Diagnosis and treatment of anaemia in primary care
Prescriber
2007 NOV 19 18 ( 22 ): 35 - 42
Drug review considers the causes and treatments available for anaemia

ANGINA MEDICINES

Cruden, Nick
Current treatment options in the management of stable angina
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 ( 6 ): 29 - 42
Current angina management focusses on the control of symptoms, identifying risk factors and preventing future cardiac events. Review describes the various anti-anginal drugs available.
ARTHRITIS NICE PAIN DISABILITIES
O'Mahony, Rachel; Oliver, Susan
Osteoarthritis: the NICE guideline
Primary Health Care
2008 JUL 18 ( 6 ): 32 - 37
Outlines the treatment options recommended for patients presenting with osteoarthritis in primary care.

ASYLUM SEEKERS SCHOOLS BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS
Meghji, Shafik
Home from home
Children & Young People Now
2008 JUL 16 ( ): 22 - 23
Report on a school in Essex which is enabling asylum-seeking children to have a stable relationship

BACK PAIN MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS
Brown, Pam
A stoical patient with multiple pathologies and worsening pain
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 ( 6 ): 57 - 60
Recounts the humbling experience of attempting to manage a case of multiple musculoskeletal pathology with severe lower back pain

BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS SOCIAL SERVICES CHILD PROTECTION
Davis, Rowenna
Integration and diversity - Islam is a way of life
Community Care
2008 JUL 3 ( 1729 ): 15 - 16
Reports on a Muslim-focused fostering service in London which is working to protect vulnerable children at risk of being radicalised

BOWEL DISORDERS CHILDREN FOOD AND NUTRITION
Richards, Sara
Constipation in children
Practice Nurse
Gives the definition, causes, prevention, dietary information and treatment for constipation

BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS
Rogers, Carolyn
The clinical management of women with primary breast cancer
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 13 ( 7 ): 309 - 315
This article provides an overview of the diagnosis and current clinical management of primary breast cancer.

**BREAST FEEDING MIDWIVES YOUNG PEOPLE YOUNG PEOPLE - use ADOLESCENCE**

Entwisle, Francesca
Breastfeeding: the Breast Buddy campaign
British Journal of Midwifery
2008 JUL 16 (7): 471 - 472
This article highlights government initiatives such as the Breast Buddy campaign which are specifically designed to encourage young women between the ages of 16 and 25 to breast feed.

**CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES RISK ASSESSMENT OBESITY**

Goldie, Linda
Assessing cardiovascular risk
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 25 36 (2): 29 - 31
Guidance on assessing cardiovascular risk factors

Taggar, Jaspal; Lip, Gregory
Atrial fibrillation: current approaches to drug therapy
Prescriber
2008 APR 5 19 (7): 48 - 57
Drug review considers the properties of available drugs for rhythm and rate control

Kassianos, George
New insights into atherothrombotic disease
Primary Health Care
2008 JUL 18 (6): 38 - 39
Details the finding of the UK part of the REACH registry and outlines what it means for nurses working in primary care

Abernethy, K
How the menopause affects the cardiovascular health of women
Primary Health Care
2008 JUL 18 (6): 41 - 46
Cardiovascular disease risk in women increases four fold over the ten years from onset of menopause so it is a key time when cardiovascular risk factors need to be addressed by health professionals

**CATHETERS URINARY TRACT DISEASES**

Pomfret, I
Indwelling urinary catheters: friend or foe?
Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 22 (7): 17 - 20
Discusses the pros and cons of indwelling catheterisation

**CERVICAL CANCER SCHOOLS, NURSING IMMUNISATION**
This article looks at the challenges the new school year will bring for the school nurses on the introduction of the anti-cancer HPV vaccine as part of the immunization programmes. This article comments on what nurses should expect and consider as they take on the new responsibility.

**CHILD ABUSE PRACTICE NURSING SEXUAL ABUSE**

Selby, Mary
Recognising signs of child abuse and neglect
Practice Nurse
Describes physical, sexual and emotional abuse and what to look out for if you are concerned that a child may be at risk.

Kirk, Jeremy
Growth hormone: licensing and prescription in children
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 (5): 17 - 20
Author describes the historical background of growth hormone treatment, its currently licensed indications and its prescription by shared-care protocols.

**CHILD BEHAVIOUR DISORDERS SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

Streeting, J
School Nurses in the 'sin bin'
British Journal of School Nursing
2008 JUL 3 (4): 192 - 193
This article looks at the challenges for school nurses who have had the opportunity to work with vulnerable children who do not get on well within the mainstream school environment.

**CHILD NUTRITION SCHOOLS, NURSING CHILD HEALTH SERVICES EXERCISE AND SPORT OBESITY**

Valentine, Stephenie
Getting the balance right
British Journal of School Nursing
2008 JUL 3 (4): 171 - 174
This article looks at the possibility of reversing the effects of obesity in children by educating them on the importance of a healthy diet and physical activity.

**CHILDREN NICE HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS**

Roberts, Sheila
Paediatrics: caring for a child with a temperature
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 JUL 2 (7): 327 - 329
Includes the physiology relating to fever, and how to take and record temperature, and the action to take if the child has febrile convulsions.
Lepper, Joe
Where are the "local health hotspots" for children?
How local services can bridge the gulf in child health
Children & Young People Now
2008 JUL 2 ( ): 12 - 13
Examines the DH child-health indicators, and what can be learnt from the best and worst areas of the country

Malakounides, Georgina; Clayden, Graham
The challenge of treating chronic constipation in children
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 ( 6 ): 51 - 56
Describes the diagnosis and recommended treatment of constipation and highlight other prescribing issues in this patient group.

CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE RESPIRATORY DISORDERS LONG TERM CONDITIONS

Davey, Julia
The burden of COPD
Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 22 ( 7 ): 24 - 25
Discusses the move to providing COPD care at home

Ruse, Charlotte
Current approaches to the management of COPD
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 ( 6 ): 17 - 20
Author describes the current recommended management of COPD

COMMUNITIES BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS SOCIAL SERVICES

Cantle, Ted
Integration and diversity - We are not all the same
Community Care
2008 JUL 3 ( 1729 ): 14 - 15
Cantle, a cohesion specialist, writes that social services will have to recognise the diversity within ethnic communities if they are to engage them, and what can be done to improve community cohesion

COMMUNITY NURSING RESEARCH OLDER PEOPLE

McGarry, Julie
Exploring the nurse-patient relationship in the home
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 15 104 ( 28 ): 32 - 33
Study explored the nature of the care experience between nurses and older people, and highlights aspects such as mutual respect, continuity of care, longevity of the relationship and recognition of the impact of ill health on patients
Hey, Martin
Improved efficiency through delegated consent-taking
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 8  104 ( 27 ): 30 - 31
Outlines a new system which increased efficiency, access to the clinic, and professional responsibility while maintaining patient safety

Jolley, Sue
Assessing patients' knowledge and fears about MRSA infection
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 8  104 ( 27 ): 32 - 33
Survey demonstrates that the main source of information appears to be the media, and highlights the need for healthcare professionals to provide factual information

Roesner, Malin; Wagg, Adrian
Greater evidence of action on urinary incontinence is needed
Guidelines in practice
2008 JUL 11  11 ( 7 ): 27 - 32
Discusses to what extent the NICE guideline has been implemented and suggests how progress could be better monitored

Pruce, David; Peycke, Margaret
Forum - EHC over the counter
Prescriber
2008 MAY 19  19 ( 10 ): 21 - 22
Two letters explaining the benefits of OTC emergency hormonal contraceptive

MacGregor, Anne; Broomhead, Charles
Prescribing oral contraception
Prescriber
2008 APR 5  19 ( 7 ): 44 - 46
MacGregor, a family planning specialist, answers questions posed by Broomhead, a GP; with comments on two case histories

Watkins, Jean
Over-the-counter EHC: no substitute for family planning skills
Prescriber
2008 APR 5  19 ( 7 ): 61 - 63
Watkins, a GP, argues that although OTC emergency hormonal contraception may appear to reduce the abortion rate and save NHS money, sexually transmitted infection rates are soaring

Everett, Marian
Non-oral contraceptive options: their efficacy and suitability
Prescriber
2008 MAY 5  19 ( 9 ): 29 - 42
Drug review considers the features and efficacy of non-oral contraceptives, includes sources of further information
DECISION MAKING CHILDREN ADOLESCENCE

Griffith, Richard
Assessing decision-making capacity: adults and young persons
Nurse Prescribing
2008 JUL 6 (7): 312 - 317
This article discusses the legal framework for assessing the decision-making capacity of adults and children 16yrs and older set out under the Mental Capacity Act 2005

DEMENTIA CARERS

Hill, Heather
Talk but no walk: barriers to person-centred care
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 (4): 21 - 24
Why is it so hard to “walk the walk” of truly person-centred care even in what seems a very good care environment? The writer concludes that changes are needed beyond the unit itself - in the whole organisation and the wider community too.

Baker, Caroline
the power of learning through experience
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 (4): 27 - 29
Describes pilot training carried out with four members of care staff who were given the opportunity to find out how residents may experience life in the home, with striking results

Kocher, Philomene; Woodbridge, Marjorie
How to hold a haiku session
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 (4): 14 - 16
Describes how the Japanese form of poetry -haiku- connects powerfully with people with dementia

Woodbridge, Marjorie
Soul Sessions
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 (4): 14 - 15
Author shares her experience of sessions which aim to meet the spiritual needs of people with dementia

Greaves, Ian
Dementia in primary care
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 (4): 18 - 19
Describes how one health centre has reached out to support patients with dementia

Torjesen, Ingrid
Acting for vulnerable people
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 8 104 (27): 18 - 19
Examines the progress since DH guidance was published in 2000, and the action being taken by nurses to protect vulnerable adults

DEPRESSION MENTAL HEALTH MEDICINES

Livingston, Martin
Treatment options in depression: past, present and future
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 (5): 9 - Con on page 15
As per title, Discusses the treatment of depression

DIABETES PRIMARY HEALTH CARE MONITORING

Goldie, Linda
Diabetes management in primary care
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 11 36 (1): 14 - 17
An introductory overview of diabetes management in primary care

da Costa, Sara
Type 2 diabetes: new guidance from NICE
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 11 36 (1): 19 - 21
Looks at the priorities identified in new guidance from NICE on type 2 diabetes

Goldie, Linda
Diabetes - Insulin injection and blood glucose monitoring
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 25 36 (2): 11 - 14
Considers two practical aspects of diabetes care - insulin injections and self-monitoring of blood glucose levels

Kenny, Colin
Prescribing for type 2 diabetes - not as clear cut as it seems
Prescriber
2008 FEB 19th 19 (4): 10 - 11
Describes the difficulties in managing type 2 diabetes when most contemporary antidiabetic agents have been shown to be ineffectual, unpopular or unsafe

Thomas, Reena
Managing insulin therapy
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 (5): 21 - 23
Specialists Dr Reenas Thomas and Professor Philip Home answer questions on insulin therapy and comment on two case histories.

**DIAGNOSIS MEDICINES DIABETES**

Cummings, Michael
Assessment and treatment options for erectile dysfunction
Prescriber
2008 APR 19 19 (8): 49 - 57
Describes the assessment of erectile dysfunction and the treatment options

**DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES DIAGNOSIS MEDICINES**

Ali, Rachel J; Dalton, Harry R
GORD - Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease: a practical guide
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 11 36 (1): 34 - 36
Includes investigations, diagnosis, medication and case studies, with recommendation for regular reviews to reinforce lifestyle advice

Ewan, Victoria; Newton, Julia
Diagnosis and management of constipation in older people
Prescriber
2008 FEB 5th 19 (3): 12 - 21
Author defines constipation and describes assessment and management in older patients.

Dettmar, Peter; Strugala, Vicki
Diagnosis and drug treatment of extraoesophageal reflux
Prescriber
2008 JUL 19 (13/14): 15 - 23
Describes the recommended management of extraoesophageal reflux

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREGNANCY RESEARCH**

Reichenheim, Michael Eduardo and others
Detecting intimate partner violence during pregnancy: awareness-raising indicators for use by primary healthcare professionals
Public Health
2008 JUL 122 (7): 716 - 724
Brazilian study found that knowledge of characteristics of women attending health services could alert health professionals to the probability of intimate partner violence, and could result in early interventions

**EDUCATION CRIME ADOLESCENCE**

Meghji, Shafik
Knives - The deaths must stop
Children & Young People Now
2008 JUL 23 (): 14 - 15
How youth professionals hope a training programme will help to educate young people about the dangers of knife crime
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE HEAD INJURIES NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND DISORDERS

Jevon, Phil
Neurological assessment Part 3- Glasgow Coma Scale
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 22  104 ( 29 ): 28 - 29
Explains the practical procedures

EYE DISORDERS

Patel, Praveen
Current treatment for age-related macular degeneration
Prescriber
2008 FEB 19th  19 ( 4 ): 23 - 29
There have been significant advances in the treatment of age related macular degeneration in recent years. The authors describe how to diagnose AMD and discuss the available treatment options

GYNAECOLOGICAL DISORDERS NUTRITION LIFESTYLE OBESITY

Humphreys, Laura
Implementation of dietary and general lifestyle advice among women with polycystic ovarian syndrome
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2008 JUL  128 ( 4 ): 190 - 195
The purpose of the current study is to investigate the general attitudes towards dieting and exercise in women with PCOS, together with the extent of implementation of the dietary and lifestyle advice that these women are given as part of their treatment. General knowledge of patients about their condition has also been assessed.

HEAD LICE SKIN DISORDERS MEDICINES

Connolly, Maureen
Current treatment options for head lice and scabies
Prescriber
2008 JAN 19th  19 ( 2 ): 18 - 30
Local resistance patterns and patient/parent preferences should be taken into account when prescribing for head lice and scabies. This Drug Review considers the current management options, followed by a review of prescription data, sources of further information and the Datafile.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME NICE

Swann, Julie
Helping individuals to overcome fatigue
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 JUL  2 ( 7 ): 331 - 334
Covers the symptoms, incidence, treatment and coping methods; and the practical help healthcare staff can provide
Welch, Rachel
Considering the psychological effects of stroke
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 JUL 2 ( 7 ): 335 - 338
Healthcare assistants need to be aware of psychological changes caused by a stroke and involve stroke patients in their care

HEALTH INTERVENTIONS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ALCOHOL MISUSE SCREENING

Lock, Catherine A; Kaner, Eileen EFS
Brief interventions for heavy drinkers
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 11 36 ( 1 ): 29 - 33
Nurses in primary care are in an ideal environment to offer opportunistic interventions which can reduce alcohol consumption

HEALTH POLICY DRUG USERS LONG TERM CONDITIONS

Santry, Charlotte
Unemployed are told to kick the benefits habit
Health Service Journal
2008 JUL 31 (): 10 - 11
The article considers the implications for the health service of the Government's intentions to force drug users into treatment and the long-term sick back to work

HEARING DISORDERS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SCREENING

Warren, Ed
ENT in primary care: Part 6 Deafness and tinnitus
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 25 36 ( 2 ): 15 - 18
Looks at the identification and management of hearing loss and impairment in people of different ages

HIV & AIDS SCHOOLS, NURSING DISCRIMINATION

Jaaroszewicz, R
Developing a knowledge base: Caring for children with HIV
British Journal of School Nursing
2008 JUL 3 ( 4 ): 162 - 166
This article looks at school nurses who are in a good position to educate people about caring for children with HIV, which at present is not emphasized in sex education.

HOLIDAYS IMMUNISATION INFECTION CONTROL

Campbell, Susan
Insect-borne diseases and their prevention
Primary Health Care
Potentially fatal diseases spread by insects in tropical and sub-tropical regions are a hazard for Western visitors. Article describes symptoms and treatments- and how to
reduce your chances of infection in the first place.

**Hospitals Infection Control Food and Nutrition**

Hitchen, Lisa  
*Why hospitals are becoming cleaner*  
*Nursing Times*  
2008 Jul 22 104 (29): 10-11  
Reports on the driving forces such as 'deep clean' and matrons which have resulted in improvements in cleanliness and better food.

**Infants Medicines Pain**

Kanabar, Dipak  
*Current treatment options in the management of infantile colic*  
*Prescriber*  
2008 Apr 5 19 (7): 24-28  
Describes the diagnosis and treatment options for infantile colic.

**Intravenous Therapy Patient Assessment Community Nursing**

Kayley, Jill  
*Effective practice in community iv therapy*  
*British Journal of Community Nursing*  
2008 Jul 13 (7): 323-328  
This article aims to cover the key aspects that need to be in place to ensure that community IV therapy is safe, appropriate and manageable and that infection control is maintained.

**Kidney Diseases Diagnosis Diabetes Blood Pressure**

de Lusignan, Simon; Gallagher, Hugh  
*Identification and management of chronic kidney disease*  
*Prescriber*  
2008 May 19 19 (10): 10-18  
Describes the diagnosis and management of chronic kidney disease which may remain asymptomatic until the end stages.

**Law Smoking Cessation Research**

Hairon, Nerys  
*Smoking ban in England has a dramatic impact on prevalence*  
*Nursing Times*  
2008 Jul 8 104 (27): 23-24  
New research suggests that smoke-free legislation has encouraged more people to quit smoking.

**Leg Ulcers Health Promotion Empowerment**

Trevena, Linda  
*Tissue viability specialist module: venous leg ulcers*  
*British Journal of Healthcare Assistants*
Case study focuses on a patient with a venous leg ulcer. Includes the assessment, treatment, nutrition, secondary prevention, care framework and standards.

**LIVER DISORDERS INFANTS**

Shortland, David B

Understanding neonatal jaundice: UK practice and international profile
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2008 JUL 128 (4): 202 - 206

Neonatal jaundice is one of the commonest neonatal disorders and has been recognized since early history. However, the approach to neonatal jaundice has remained largely unchanged over the last two or three decades. Looks at UK practice and how other countries tackle the problem.

**MASS MEDIA PATIENT INFORMATION HEALTH EDUCATION**

Whitelaw, Sandy

Health information: a case of saturation or 57 channels and nothing on?
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2008 JUL 128 (4): 175 - 180

The claim is made by many that we have reached a pint where we are exposed to too much information. This potential phenomenon is particularly prominent in the health field. This paper explores the nature and validity of this claim.

**MATERNITY SERVICES MIDWIVES PATIENT INFORMATION**

Carlisle, Daloni

Will the latest plans see a renaissance in maternity services?
Health Service Journal

Questions whether Lord Darzi’s plans for better information and midwife-led units will come to fruition.

**MEDICINES GENERAL PRACTICE DEPRESSION**

Watkins, Jean

Depression: do GPs have the time?
Prescriber
2007 DEC 18 (23/24): 20 - 22

GP, Jean Watkins, describes the problem of finding the time in a busy surgery to help patients who are anxious or depressed.

Thomas, Reena; Home, Philip

Current insulin therapies for people with type 1 diabetes
Prescriber
2007 DEC 18 (23/24): 25 - 41

Drug review looks at current treatment strategies, prescription data and Datafile, with sources of further information.

Barnett, Nina

Nonmedical prescribing for patients in long-term care
Prescriber
Nina Barnett, a consultant pharmacist, describes her role of nonmedical prescriber in the long-term care setting, with an overview of what can be achieved.

Graham-Brown, Robin; Kenny, Colin
Acne management
Prescriber
2008 MAY 19 19 (10): 36 - 38
Dermatology Consultant, Graham-Brown, answers GP, Kenny’s, questions on the management of acne, and comments on a case history.

Clyne, Wendy; Chapman, Steve
Achieving concordance through use of decision-support tools
Prescriber
2008 MAY 19 19 (10): 41 - 44
Describes how decision-support tools can aid concordance and includes an example from the Cochrane decision aid registry for illustration.

Head, Stephen
Warfarin vs aspirin: assessing the risk
Prescriber
2008 JAN 19th 19 (2): 12 - 14
Describes the difficulties that can arise when assessing the risks and benefits of prescribing warfarin or aspirin for the prevention of stroke in AF.

Arebi, Naila
Managing nausea and vomiting
Prescriber
2008 FEB 19th 19 (4): 38 - 39
Questions answered by specialist Dr Naila Arebi on the management of nausea and vomiting.

Fontebasso, Manuela
Current treatment options in the management of migraine
Prescriber
2008 FEB 19th 19 (4): 42 - 51
A range of effective drug therapies is now available to treat and prevent migraine. Article details the properties of the current treatment options.

Wilson, Sue; Nutt, David
Insomnia: a guide to diagnosis and choice of treatment
Prescriber
2008 APR 19 19 (8): 14 - 24
Drug review considers when medication is justified, and looks at over-the-counter and complementary therapies.

Gadgil, Shashi; Wagg, Adrian
Management of urinary incontinence in older people
Prescriber
2008 APR 19 19 (8): 35 - 42
Describes the drug management of urinary incontinence in older people.

Preston, Sean; Broomhead, Charles
Questions on the treatment of ulcers and dyspepsia
Prescriber
2008 APR 19  19 ( 8 ): 44 - 46
Preston, a consultant gastroenterologist, answers questions posed by Broomhead, a GP, and comments on two case studies

Thompson, Angus
Omega-3s post-MI: can we rely on diet to increase uptake?
Prescriber
2008 MAY 5  19 ( 9 ): 16 - 18
Describes sources of omega-3s in food and over-the-counter products, and their disadvantages compared with licensed products

Wilcock, Michael; Lawrence, Joanna
Medication at discharge: is enough information provided?
Prescriber
2008 MAY 5  19 ( 9 ): 19 - 22
Discusses the results of an audit which assessed the accuracy of discharge information provided to GPs regarding medication changes

Weetman, Anthony
Current drug treatments for hypo- and hyperthyroidism
Prescriber
2008 JUL  19 ( 13/14 ): 36 - 46
Drug review discusses current treatments

MENINGITIS CHILDREN

Gour, Anami
Diagnosis and treatment of bacterial meningitis in children
Prescriber
2008 FEB 5th  19 ( 3 ): 52 - 59
Describes the identification, treatment and primary and secondary prevention of bacterial meningitis.

MENTAL HEALTH MASS MEDIA

Harper, Stephen
Understanding mental distress in film and media: a new agenda?
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2008 JUL  128 ( 4 ): 170 - 174
This article surveys some recent developments in media criticism and recent developments in film and media representations of mental distress.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS

Mackereth, Catherine
A new mental health deal for ethnic minorities
Primary Health Care
2008 JUL  18 ( 6 ): 20 - 23
Describes how an ethnic wellbeing project was developed to address mental health concerns in the New Deal area of Newcastle
MIDWIVES CHILDBIRTH ANTENATAL EDUCATION

Hollins Martin, Caroline, J
A tool to measure fathers’ attitudes and needs in relation to birth
British Journal of Midwifery
2008 JUL 16 ( 7 ): 432 - 437
This article looks at the aim to develop a scale - the Birth Participation Scale (BPS) which midwives can use to measure fathers’ attitudes and needs in relation to birth participation. The survey was carried out in York District Maternity Hospital and the article covers the conclusions.

MIGRAINE MEDICINES PAIN

Kernick, David
Prescribing for headache
Practice Nurse
An overview of the diagnosis and treatment of tension-type headache and migraine.

MONITORING BLOOD AND IMMUNE DISORDERS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Matthey, Francis
Anticoagulation monitoring and the role of general practice
Prescriber
2007 NOV 19 18 (22): 18 - 27
Discusses the use of near-patient testing (NPT) devices where the International normalised ratio (INR) can be measured on blood from a fingerprick, and associated safety requirements.

MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION MEDICINES

Lang, Ninian; Fox, Keith
Current drug therapies for the secondary prevention of MI
Prescriber
2008 JAN 5th 19 (1): 14 - 25
Current approaches to the secondary prevention of myocardial infarction include the use of both well-established and newer agents. Review considers their mode of action and properties and the evidence base for their efficacy, followed by sources for further information and the Datafile.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE HEALTH POLICY PATIENT CHOICE

Vize, Richard
'We’re now ready to ove to the next stage’
Health Service Journal
Interview with Gordon Brown and Lord Darzi explaining that the past 10 years of NHS reform was to increase capacity and the next task is for personalisation and an increase quality.

Allen, Jessica
Drifting apart: why the gaps are getting bigger
Health Service Journal
2008 JUL 17 ( ): 16 - 17
Allen, head of health and social care at the Institute for Public Policy Research, asks whether the NHS can stop health inequalities widening, when it is the result of various factors.

Sixty Years of the National Health Service
Health Service Journal
2008 JUL Supplement - July 2008 (): 2 - 76
Supplement in celebration of the extraordinary journey the NHS and its staff have taken since the services was launched six decades ago on 5th July 1948.

Tweddell, Louise
What lies ahead for community nurses?
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 15 104 ( 28 ): 10 - 11
Reports on the NHS Next Stage Review and the challenges for nurses in community and primary care.

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND DISORDERS MEDICINES
MacMahon, Douglas
Treatment and identification of restless legs syndrome
Prescriber
2008 FEB 5th 19 ( 3 ): 56 - 59
Restless legs is a common condition characterised by abnormal involuntary movements of the legs, often occurring during sleep. Here the authors describe its features and treatment.

NURSE PRACTITIONERS PATIENT SATISFACTION RESEARCH
Haidar, Elizabeth
Evaluating patient satisfaction with nurse practitioners
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 1 104 ( 26 ): 32 - 33
Summary of a study that reported overall satisfaction, and highlighted areas for future research such as cultural issues and why some patients wished they'd seen a doctor.

OBESITY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKPLACE HEALTH PROMOTION
Williams, Nerys
Obesity - Workplace workout
Occupational Health
2008 JUL 60 ( 7 ): 26 - 27
An excerpt from her book gives simple practical steps to tackle obesity.

Mayor, Susan
Obesity: what role for general practice in management?
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 ( 6 ): 24 - 26
Author reports on two opposing views on whether or not the ever-growing problem of obesity can be tackled by GPs.
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY NURSING

Alexander, Pat
The changing face of manual handling in the community
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 13 (7): 316 - 322
This article focuses on several methods of assisting a patient from sitting to standing. A variety of familiar handling situations are discussed, and strategies to overcome them are suggested.

OLDER PEOPLE QUALITY OF LIFE

Cann, Paul
Holding a spotlight to an ageing society
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 13 (7): 330 - 334
Discusses the implications of the Spotlight report (2008) on our older population and how the findings will enable change within this demographic

Kerr, Diana
Supporting older people in care homes at night
Journal of Dementia Care
2008 JUL 16 (4): 35 - 38
Reports on a action research study, which looked a night time care practices in care homes

Karim, Salman
Diagnosis and management of psychosis in older people
Prescriber
2008 JAN 19th 19 (2): 38 - 44
Prescribing in older people give practical advice for successful managment of the special problems experienced by this patient group. Here, the author describes the diagnosis and managment of psychotic illness

PATIENTS’ RIGHTS NURSING CAMPAIGNS

Hunt, Louise
Dignity should rage across every ward
Nursing Times
2008 JUL 1 104 (26): 18 - 19
Looks at whether the barriers to improving patient dignity will be overcome by government and RCN campaigns

PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS COMMISSIONING FINANCE

Torjesen, Ingrid
A shot in the arm for community health services
Health Service Journal
2008 JUL 24 ( ): 10 - 11
Looks at alternatives to the social enterprise model promoted by the government
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE GENERAL PRACTICE EMPLOYMENT

Duffin, Christian
Open all hours: how will nurses fare?
Primary Health Care
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PROSTATE CANCER NICE CLINICAL GUIDELINES

Baker, Mark; Graham, John
NICE guideline makes recommendations on prostate cancer care
Guidelines in practice
2008 JUL 11 ( 7 ): 37 - 42
Diagnosis is not solely deciding whether a man has prostate cancer, but whether that disease requires treatment.

PUBLIC HEALTH SMOKING RESEARCH

Shepherd, Stuart
Public Health - No smoking please, we're British
Health Service Journal
2008 JUL 24 (): 20 - 23
One year on, studies give cause for optimism

Nuttall, Dilyse
Introducing public health to prescribing practice
Nurse Prescribing
2008 JUL 6 ( 7 ): 299 - 304
Public health is an issue continually on the UK Government agenda and one in which, it is anticipated, all health professionals with participate. Non-medical prescribers are often in an ideal position to develop their role in public health activity.

RESEARCH BEHAVIOUR CHILDREN

Blewett, James
Children with challenging behaviour
Community Care
2008 JUL 3 ( 1729 ): 26 - 27
Looks at research on the effectiveness of a centre-based approach to disturbing behaviour

RESPIRATORY DISORDERS ASTHMA PRACTICE NURSING

Campbell, Malcom
BTS/SIGN update their guideline on asthma care
Guidelines in practice
2008 JUL 11 ( 7 ): 14 - 16
In this article the author says that GPs should look for clinical features of asthma in their patients, and implement a stepped care approach.
This article provides an overview of the different types of cough medicine.

Drug review of common upper respiratory tract infections considers the diagnosis and management, including when to prescribe antibiotics.

RHEUMATIC DISORDERS ARTHRITIS MEDICINES

Biologic drug therapy in rheumatoid arthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic, debilitating disease that affects both young and old alike. This article gives an insight into the current therapies, their modes of action and future treatments.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES NUTRITION EDUCATION CHILD NUTRITION OSTEOPOROSIS

In this article the author discusses children's lifestyles in the UK, and how improving them may hold the key to preventing osteoporosis in later life. The article outlines ways in which children can increase calcium and vitamin D in their daily lives, even if on a restricted diet.

Supporting children with attachment difficulties in schools

This article looks into the range of strategies for school health professionals when dealing with a child who has an attachment difficulty.

SCREENING CANCER WOMEN'S HEALTH

The article reviews screening programmes and their success but opines that there is still more to do to reach marginalised women.
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Plester, Gail
Dermatology - Malignant melanoma
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 11 36 (1): 22 - 28
Describes how practice nurses can reduce mortality through patient education, and by alertness for lesions to enable early detection

SKIN DISORDERS OLDER PEOPLE

Nazarko, Linda
Understanding and treating a common dermal problem: pruritus
British Journal of Community Nursing
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Recommended management of herpes skin infections
Prescriber
2008 FEB 5th 19 (3): 23 - 30
Considers the recommended management of herpes simplex and varicella-zoster infections.

Hague, Joanne; Berth-Jones, John
Current management of atopic eczema in primary care
Prescriber
2008 MAR 5th 19 (5): 42 - 59
Atopic eczema is a chronic and distressing skin condition that affects the lives of many patients and their families in the UK. This review discusses the recommended management of atopic eczema.

Seaton, Edward
Rosacea: a symptom-based approach to management
Prescriber
2008 APR 5 19 (7): 15 - 22
Describes the management of the vascular and inflammatory symptoms and describes the suggested subclassification of the American National Rosacea Society

SMOKING CESSATION PRIMARY HEALTH CARE HEALTH PROMOTION NICE

Percival, Jennifer
NICE reinforces its guidance on helping smokers to quit
Guidelines in practice
2008 JUL 11 (7): 44 - 49
Highlights the importance of brief interventions in assisting smoking cessation and
the vital role of the primary healthcare team in implementation

SOCIAL CAPITAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Paton, Nic
How to set up a social enterprise - Pioneers from the South West
Occupational Health
2008 JUL 60 (7): 19 - 21
Paton talks to project leader, Simon Hill, about a trial delivery of occupational
health services in south-west England

STROKE AND TIA DIAGNOSIS BLOOD PRESSURE

Cox, Bev
Stroke and transient ischaemic attack
Practice Nurse
2008 JUL 11 36 (1): 43 - 48
Covers the causes, pathophysiology, signs and symptoms, and how diagnosis can
be confirmed, and stroke patients managed in accordance with the DH's National
Stroke Strategy (NSS)

STUDENTS

Saffron, Sarra
Writing assignments: how to deconstruct an essay title
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 JUL 2 (7): 354 - 356
Step-by-step instructions on how to deconstruct and respond to an assignment title,
how to relate it to the course's aims and how to respond to case scenarios

SUN PROTECTION SKIN CANCER PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

Hedges, Trudy
Sun safety: what are the health messages?
Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health
2008 JUL 128 (4): 164 - 169
Discusses sun safety campaign challenges in reducing the death rate from skin
cancers and also discusses an associate health problem Vitamin D deficiency.

THROMBOSIS DIAGNOSIS SURGERY

Peate, Ian
Caring for the person with a pulmonary embolism
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 JUL 2 (7): 318 - 322
Includes the signs and symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of pulmonary
embolism, and explains why it requires prompt treatment
TRAVEL HOLIDAYS

Bramham, Lynda
How safe is your holiday destination?
Nurse Prescribing
2008 JUL 6 (7): 286 - 291
This article highlights some of the potential health risks for travellers visiting European countries. Basic information on prevention and the benefits of travel health insurance are highlighted.

URINARY TRACT DISEASES OLDER PEOPLE CONTINENCE

Nazarko, Linda
Treating the patient or the labstick? Urinary infections in older people
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 JUL 2 (7): 323 - 326
How urinary tract infections are diagnosed and treated, and why the risk is greater in older people

WOUND HEALING INFECTION CONTROL SKIN DISORDERS

Benbow, Maureen
Necrotising fasciitis
Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 22 (7): 4 - 8
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Speding, Irene
Management of a patient using VAC therapy
Journal of Community Nursing
2008 JUL 22 (7): 14 - 16
Gives an overview of a case study using VAC therapy in the community