ASYLUM SEEKERS POVERTY SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Taylor, Amy
Food for Thought
Community Care
2008 AUG 07 (1734): 24 - 25
A campaigner for asylum seekers insists his week spent living on £10 was an insight into the difficulties faced by society's dispossessed.

Chase, Elaine
Well-being of asylum-seeking children
Community Care
2008 JUL 31 (1733): 22 - 23
Reports on a study which explored the emotional well-being and identified the factors affecting these children. The findings have implications for those who work with them

AUTISM OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Case-Smith J; Arbesman, M
Evidence-based Review of Interventions for Autism Used in or of Relevance to Occupational Therapy
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
2008 JUL 4 (62): 416 - 429
Occupational therapy practitioners are among the professionals who provide services to children and adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This study's primary aims were (1) Identify, evaluate, and synthesize the research literature on interventions for ASD of relevance occupational therapy and (2) to interpret and apply the research to occupational therapy. A total of 49 articles met the author's criteria and were included in the review. The findings have implications for intervention methods, communication regarding efficacious practices to professionals and consumers, and future occupational therapy research.

BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS DISCRIMINATION NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Santry, Charlotte
Minority staff get worse deal on jobs, pay and grievances
Health Service Journal
2008 AUG 7 (07/Aug/2008): 4 - 5
Reports on a regional study which revealed failure by NHS organisations on race equality issues

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES BLOOD AND IMMUNE DISORDERS CLINICAL GUIDELINES
CERVICAL CANCER IMMUNISATION PUPILS SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Cadman, Louise
The future of cervical cancer prevention: human papillomavirus vaccines
Journal of Family Health Care
2008 18 (4): 131 - 132
Article explains the background to the HPV vaccine programme that starts this September

CHILD HEALTH SERVICES DIABETES

Barnard, K D
Quality of life and impact of continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion for children and their parents.
Practical Diabetes International
2008 SEP 25 (7): 278 - 284
This study aimed to identify key components of quality of life (QoL) and assesses the impact the insulin pump therapy on children/adolescents with type 1 diabetes and their parents.

CHILDBIRTH SEXUAL PROBLEMS

Hughes, Henrietta
Management of postpartum loss of libido
Journal of Family Health Care
2008 18 (4): 123 - 125
Midwives, health visitors and GPs are key in counselling and reassuring women about sexual problems after childbirth.

CHILDREN CHILD CARE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Miller, E ; Kuhaneck H
Children's Perceptions of Play Experiences and Play Preferences: A Qualitative Study
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
This qualitative study investigated the perceptions of play experiences and rationales for play choices for 6 boys and 4 girls between the ages of 7 and 11 years. Individual in-depth interviews were completed and then transcribed, and the transcripts were coded and analyzed using grounded theory methodology. Included is a discussion of the usefulness of the model in supporting the careful consideration of factors that will increase the perception of fun during therapeutic activities and facilitate client-centred pediatric practice.

Penny, Alison
How do children grieve?
Community Care
2008 AUG 07 (1734): 18 - 18
Article describes how practitioners should approach children who have experienced bereavement

CONTINENCE BLADDER URINARY TRACT URINARY TRACT DISEASES

Nazarko, Linda
Caring for a patient with a urostomy in a community setting
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008 AUG 13 (8): 354 - 361
This article examines common complications of urostomy including stomal complications, urinary tract infections and dermal complications

CONTRACEPTION

Macgregor, Anne
Oral contraception: types, suitability and considerations
Prescriber
2008 AUG 19 (15/16): 17 - 38
This article reviews both the combined and progestogen-only pills, their efficacy and associated benefits and risks, followed by a review of prescription data and resources.

DEMENTIA ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AGEING OLDER PEOPLE

Salama, R
Dementia: symptoms, diagnosis and management
Nurse Prescribing
2008 AUG 6 (8): 362 - 367
This article provides an overview of dementia. It looks at the incidence of dementia, the three main types of this condition and the suggested clinical management guidelines for Alzheimer's disease dementia, with specific focus on the main pharmacological approach to this condition.

DENTAL & ORAL HEALTH SKIN DISORDERS

Roeleveld-Kuyper EYR
Mouth ulcers and cold sores
Practice Nurse
2008 AUG 15th 36 (3): 34 - 37
These minor ailments are common and generally self-limiting conditions, but patients may still require advice

DEPRESSION

Snowden, A
Prescribing in anxiety
Nurse Prescribing
2008 AUG 6 (8): 343 - 356
Anxiolytics are effective treatments for anxiety. This article discusses prescribing decisions against a backdrop of current NICE guidelines for anxiety. As in treatment of psychosis and depression the article argues that pharmacological intervention is warranted when accurate, replicable, structured and systematic
diagnosis is the key to a clear decision.

**DIABETES DISTRICT NURSES HEALTH PROMOTION NUTRITION NUTRITION EDUCATION**

De Kleijn, Antoinette
Health improvement through dietary management of type 2 diabetes
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008 AUG 13 ( 8 ): 378 - 383
This article discusses a district nurse's project to improve dietary health and education with elderly residents who are type 2 diabetics living in a care home

Hicks, Debbie
NICE enough for nurses?
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2008 AUG 12 ( 7 ): 22 - 244
The author reflects on the improvements and disappointments of the new NICE guidelines for type 2 diabetes and discusses how Enfield PCT have implemented the new recommendations in practice.

Shapiro, Lucy
Adherence to treatment in diabetes: A journey towards health-promoting behaviour
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2008 AUG 17 ( 7 ): 250 - 270
This case study based review by the author examines how positive relationships between the person with diabetes and a DSN, as well as with other multidisciplinary team members, could improve adherence to treatment regimens.

Vieira, V and others
Quality of sleep and quality of life in people with type 2 diabetes
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2008 AUG 12 ( 7 ): 263 - 270
The author and her colleagues present the findings from a study assessment the relationship between sleep quality and quality of life in people with diabetes.

Webb, Jackie
NICE guidance on pre-conception care: Its impact in ethnic minorities
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2008 AUG 12 ( 7 ): 271 - 277
This article looks at the impact the recent NICE pregnancy guidance has had on primary and secondary care, particularly in relation to the care of people with diabetes from ethnic minorities and the authors experiences of developing an education DVD available in Hindi, Sylheti and English.

Dowling, Libby; Marsland, Natasha
The benefits of insulin pump therapy for children and young people with diabetes
Journal of Family Health Care
2008 18 ( 4 ): 127 - 129
Insulin pumps offer better control of diabetes, an alternative to injections, and greater freedom for children and young people.

Devers, M
Glycaemic control and metabolic risk: getting the extra mile from diabetes control
Cardiometabolic risk is an emerging term which has been used to denote the cluster of risk factors defined by the metabolic syndrome and, in addition, to include the newer risk factors which are now recognised to occur in association with dysglycaemia and abdominal obesity.

Ng, JM
Continuous blood glucose monitoring: does it really affect diabetic control?
Practical Diabetes International
2008 JUL 25 ( 6 ): 239 - 240
There remains uncertainty concerning the use of continuous blood glucose monitoring systems in the assessment and management of diabetes control. This article gives results of a audit of 42 consecutive patients who attended a district hospital over a two-year period who underwent 72 hour CBGM for 2005-2006.

Maguire, D; Bodansky HJ
Case Report: Inhaled insulin treatment for type 1 diabetes, following major skin loss from necrotising fascitis.
Practical Diabetes International
2008 SEP 25 ( 7 ): 265 - 266
This is a case report regarding a 21 year old female with poorly controlled type 1 diabetes who was admitted with diabetic ketoacidosis and groin abscess which were incised and drained. Further complications arose including skin grafts and she finally she was put on inhaled insulin. This case demonstrates the importance of alternative routes of administration of insulin when intensive subcutaneous therapy is not possible.

Wallymahmed, M
Practical Diabetes International
2008 SEP 25 ( 7 ): 285 - 289
This article covers the contents of the Janet Kinson Lecture which covers her experience over 20 years of diabetes nursing.

Wilmot E G, and others
Diabetes Vignette
Practical Diabetes International
2008 SEP 25 ( 7 ): 263 - 263
The authors report on Charcot's neuroarthropathy of the wrist in type 2 diabetes.

DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES

Peate, Ian
Caring for people with appendicitis
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 02 ( 08 ): 389 - 392
This article provides an outline of the anatomy and pathophysiological issues associated with the appendix, the signs, symptoms, treatment options and care requirements for the person who has appendicitis.

DRUG EDUCATION SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADOLESCENCE
Hammond, Augustine and others
Do adolescents perceive police officers as credible instructors of substance abuse prevention programs?
Health Education Research
2008 AUG 23 ( 4 ): 682 - 696
American study found that students who had police officers as instructors evaluated them higher than other instructors, with some variation according to the students’ socio-demographic characteristics

EDUCATION TRAINING
Saffron Powell, Sarra
Writing assignments: effective research skills
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 02 ( 08 ): 407 - 410
Article on study skills that will provide advice on how to write better assignments.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE NURSE PRACTITIONERS
Taylor, Jennifer
The rise and fall of the Walk-in Centre
Nursing Times
2008 AUG 19 104 ( 33 ): 16 - 18
Looks at the future of Walk-in Centres and the nurses who provide the service

ETHICS RESPIRATORY DISORDERS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DECISION MAKING
Hewitt-Taylor, Jaqui
Long-term mechanical ventilation part 1: ethical dilemmas and decisions
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 02 ( 08 ): 403 - 406
The increasing use of long-term mechanical ventilation has many benefits, but can also create concerns and dilemmas for those who use it, their families, and staff. This often includes healthcare assistants who provide day-to-day support to people who use long-term ventilation.

FALLS OLDER PEOPLE RISK ASSESSMENT
Nazarko, Linda
Falls part 1: causes and consequences
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 02 ( 08 ): 381 - 384
Article explains how ageing affects the risk of falls, how falls affect older people and how to identify those at risk of falls.

FINANCE MEDICINES WOUND HEALING
Hamilton C
Speculating to accumulate: reducing the cost of wound care by appropriate dressing selection
Journal of Wound Care
2008 AUG 17 ( 8 ): 359 - 363
When assessing cost-effectiveness, purchasing decisions should be made on overall treatment and not on unit cost because advanced dressings may prove to be cheaper overall.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS PRACTICE NURSING

Peate, I
Body Fluids: components and disorders of peritoneal fluid
British Journal of Health Care Management
2008 AUG 2 ( 8 ): 370 - 372
This article explains the functions of all three body fluids and provides an explanation of peritonitis and the necessary treatment.

Swann, J
Understanding Strokes
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 2 ( 8 ): 373 - 376
This article discusses how and why a stroke happens. It aims to encourage healthier lifestyles to reduce the risk of a stroke.

Grainger, Angela
Paediatrics: caring for family and friends
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 02 ( 08 ): 377 - 379
Provides advice for Healthcare Assistants in their role when dealing with family and friends of a child that becomes ill and has to enter the healthcare system.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES POVERTY SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Mackereth, Catherine
Social networks and health inequalities: evidence for working with disadvantaged groups
Community Practitioner
2008 AUG 81 ( 8 ): 23 - 26
This paper examines the growing body of research that identifies links between poverty and ill health, and the evidence that social factors do affect health.

HOLIDAYS OLDER PEOPLE

Reily Collins, Verite
Holiday hazards for older adventurers
Practice Nurse
Older travellers are increasingly likely to choose more adventurous holidays - article considers the pitfalls that may arise and how to avoid or deal with them.

IMMUNISATION SEXUAL HEALTH SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Bedford, Helen
The New HPV vaccination
Community Practitioner
2008 AUG 81 ( 8 ): 36 - 37
The rationale behind the introduction of routine HPV vaccination for girls ages 12 to
13 years, and issues relating to its implementation

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNET COMMUNICATION
Shepherd, Stuart
The dawn of the fan
Health Service Journal
Looks at how the NHS is using Web 2.0 to connect with patients

INTERNET NUTRITION EDUCATION RESEARCH
Ostry A and others
The quality of nutritional information available on popular websites: a content analysis
Health Education Research
2008 AUG 23 (4): 648 - 655
Canadian study looked at sites identified as the most popular sites and found the best advice on a government-based site; and advice congruent with the Canadian Food Guide appearing 3x more often than incongruent advice

MEDICINES ASTHMA CLINICAL GUIDELINES
Pinnock, Hilary
BTS/SIGN has issued revised guidance on asthma management
Guidelines in practice
2008 AUG 11 (8): 31 - 40
GP, Dr Pinnock explains how the updated advice on assessment, self-management plans and new recommendations for asthma treatment will improve care

Howell-Jones, RS and others
Microbial investigation of venous leg ulcers
Journal of Wound Care
2008 AUG 17 (8): 353 - 358
Survey to determine guidance compliance for swab submission and how laboratory reports influenced antibiotic usage, showed general compliance, and antibiotics were more likely prescribed when the lab reported a pathogen's susceptibility

MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE NURSING
Hardy, Sheila
Integrating models for care in mental illness
Practice Nurse
2008 AUG 15th 36 (3): 38 - 40
This article considers how recovery principles and an established medical model approach can work in harmony to improve the care of patients with mental illness

NICE RESPIRATORY DISORDERS MEDICINES
NICE guideline recommends new antibiotic prescribing strategies
Guidelines in practice
2008 AUG 11 (8): 10 - 10
News item on NICE guideline for antibiotic prescribing in primary care for respiratory
tract infections (www.nice.org.uk)

Minhas, Rubin
New guideline from NICE highlights the benefits of statins
Guidelines in practice
2008 AUG 11 (8): 23 - 28
Outlines key features of the guideline and the role of primary care practitioners in prevention of cardiovascular disease

Santry, Charlotte
Watchdog chair to get tough on obeying NICE rules
Health Service Journal
2008 AUG 14 (14/Aug/2008): 4 - 5
Interview of Baroness Young, Chair of Care Quality Commission, has revealed a tough stance for NICE compliance

NURSING CHILD HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH
McArthur, Liz; Flynn Alison
Evaluating the clinical nurse specialist role in child health
Nursing Times
2008 AUG 19 104 (33): 28 - 29
Summary of an audit found that one-to-one contact between children, families and the nurses was reported to be the most valued part of the service provided by the CNS

OBESITY HEALTH PROMOTION HEALTH EDUCATION NUTRITION
Sturm, Roland
Lisbon Conference - Stemming the global obesity epidemic: What can we learn from data about social and economic trends.
Journal of the Institute of Health
2008 AUG 122 (8): 739 - 746
The article discusses a range of behavioural changes as related to environmental changes and their impact on changing health behaviour.

Milligan, Fiona
Child obesity 2. Recommended strategies and interventions
Nursing Times
2008 AUG 19 104 (33): 24 - 25
Examines the effectiveness of current interventions to reduce obesity levels in children and young adults

OLDER PEOPLE PUBLIC HEALTH AGEING
Nuttall, Dilyse
Older people, prescribing and public health
Nurse Prescribing
2008 AUG 6 (8): 357 - 361
This article looks at the needs of particular groups who have public health issues. One such group is older people, It looks at specific public health issues relevant to this group and the factors responsible for their increased susceptibility, are important considerations in non-medical prescribing practice.
PATIENTS' RECORDS PRACTICE NURSING

Edwards, Marilyn
Patient Records - guidance for new practice nurses
Practice Nurse
2008  AUG  15th    36 ( 3 ): 16 - 18
Guidance on how good record keeping helps to protect the welfare of patients

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STUDENTS SOCIAL FACTORS

Coleman, Lester and others
Girls and young women's participation in physical activity: psychological and social influences
Health Education Research
2008  AUG   23 ( 4 ): 633 - 647
The supporting influence of friends and family is an important factor in participation in physical activity, while the transition from study to employment had a negative effect

PREGNANCY BREAST FEEDING NUTRITION EDUCATION

Lowdon, Jacqui
Getting bone health right from the start! Pregnancy, lactation and weaning
Journal of Family Health Care
2008     18 ( 4 ): 137 - 141
Health professionals need to spread the message about vitamin D, calcium and healthy eating during pregnancy and breast-feeding.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CANCER PRACTICE NURSING

Perry, Catherine; Thurston, Miranda
Introduction of the primary care cancer nursing role in a GP practice
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008  AUG   13 ( 8 ): 367 - 372
The role of Primary Care Cancer Nurse was piloted in a GP practice. This article explores the benefits and pitfalls of implementing such a role

Scowen, Pat
The Darzi plan
Journal of Family Health Care
2008     18 ( 4 ): 120 - 120
Editorial discussing the government's latest plans for reforming the health service, known as the Darzi report.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PATIENT CHOICE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Briefing - All you need to know about .... High quality care for all
Health Matters
2008     ( 72 ): 6 - 6
Discusses the Darzi report on primary and community care and the workforce, which forms part of High Quality Care for All - the next stage review final report
Patterson, Linda
Did New Labour get return on its NHS investment?
Health Matters
2008 (72): 8 - 12
Looks at whether record funding has made a lasting difference to the NHS

Manthorpe, Jill; Spencer, Linda
Did New Labour get return on its NHS investment?
Health Matters
2008 (72): 13 - 13
Reports on the lessons from social care for the NHS as it moves closer to a mixed economy of care

QUALITY STANDARDS RESEARCH PATIENT CHOICE

West, Dave
Academics cast doubt on link between death and standards
Health Service Journal
2008 AUG 21 (21/Aug/2008): 4 - 5
Academics who carried out research commissioned by NHS West Midlands claim that a higher mortality rate does not mean poorer clinical care

Hairon, Nerys
GP pay scheme reduces care inequalities in deprived areas
Nursing Times
2008 AUG 19 104 (33): 19 - 20
GP qualities and outcomes framework can minimise variations in quality and reduce regional health inequalities

RESEARCH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS

Gupta, Anna
Support for South Asian women and children
Community Care
2008 AUG 14 (1735): 22 - 23
Examines a study on domestic violence in South Asian communities and looks at ways to support women and children in a culturally sensitive way

SCREENING SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA BLOOD AND IMMUNE DISORDERS THALASSAEMIA

Hill, Barry
Identifying sickle cell and thalassaemia
Practice Nurse
2008 AUG 15th 36 (3): 42 - 44
Author describes how the NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaema Screening Programme links antenatal and newborn screening to allow prompt recognition of these blood disorders

SEXUAL HEALTH SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS ADOLESCENCE
With sexually transmitted infections on the rise in young people and chlamydia now the UK's most common STI, author reviews a stubbornly persistent problem.

SKIN DISORDERS

Thorrat, Anne
Challenges in the treatment and management of psoriasis
Nurse Prescribing
2008 AUG 6 ( 8 ): 343 - 348
This article details the challenges in finding the optimum management regimen for psoriasis.

Chaplin, S; Jebbetm C
Petapamulin (Altargo): novel antibacterial for impetigo
Prescriber
2008 AUG 19 ( 15/16 ): 12 - 15
The authors present the clinical data relating to the efficacy and adverse effects of this new drug for impetigo and minor skin infections.

SMOKING LAW ADOLESCENCE

Hamilton, William L
Do local tobacco regulations influence perceived smoking norms? Evidence from adult and youth surveys in Massachusetts
Health Education Research
2008 AUG 23 ( 4 ): 709 - 722
Results showed that youths perceived community norms to be more anti-smoking if they lived in a town with strong regulations in smoking restrictions and prohibition of sales to young people.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY NURSING

Hewitt-Taylor, Jaqui
How personal health budgets may affect community nursing teams
British Journal of Community Nursing
2008 AUG 13 ( 8 ): 362 - 366
This paper outlines the implementation of direct payments and personal budgets and then discusses some of the issues which should be considered if such arrangements are introduced in healthcare

SPORTS BEST PRACTICE BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS CHILDREN

Andrews, Crispin
Good practice - Cricket offers lessons in life for children
Community Care
2008 JUL 31 ( 1733 ): 20 - 21
How cricket is bowling over vulnerable children in south London
STROKE AND TIA CARERS

Welch, Rachel
Stroke: caring for the carer
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2008 AUG 02 ( 08 ); 385 - 388
The majority of stroke survivors are cared for at home by spouses, the onset of stroke causes disruption of family roles as care giving tasks are assumed. This article reviews the effects on the care giver while caring for a stroke survivor.

SURE START BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Avis, Mark
Ethnic minority participation in an East Midlands Sure Start Community Practitioner
2008 AUG 81 ( 8 ); 28 - 31
This paper draws on evidence from a local Sure Start evaluation of low participation rates among ethnic minority families. It reflects national concerns regarding the low use of children's services among ethnic minority families.

WOUND HEALING HYGIENE

Wolcott RD and others
Biofilms and chronic wound inflammation
Journal of Wound Care
2008 AUG 17 ( 8 ); 333 - 341
Explains how surface bacteria and not host dysfunction may be the cause of perpetual inflammation and chronic non-healing wounds

Palao i Domenech, R and others
Effect of an ibuprofen-realeasing foam dressing on wound pain: a real-life RCT
Journal of Wound Care
2008 AUG 17 ( 8 ); 342 - 348
Ibuprofen-releasing dressing was compared with local best practice treatment of painful exuding wounds, and was found to provide an appropriate wound healing environment, reduced pain intensity and improvement in the quality of life

Thomas, Steve
A review of the physical, biological and clinical properties of a bacterial cellulose wound dressing
Journal of Wound Care
2008 AUG 17 ( 8 ); 349 - 352
Assesses the data on this thin new dressing and found that it had a good safety profile, and may be useful in the early stages of treatment of exuding superficial donor site or burn wounds