Current Awareness List for April 2009

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To:- Current Awareness

ADOLESCENCE MENTAL HEALTH NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND DISORDERS

Rieke, Eric F; Anderson, Diane
Adolescent/Adult Sensory Profiles and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
2009 MAR 63 ( 2 ): 138 - 145
Article describes how the sensory processing of adults with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) differs from that of the general population within the context of Dunn's (1997) model of sensory processing and to evaluate the discriminant validity of the Adolescent/Adult Sensory Profile

ALLERGIES MEDICINES

Waterfield, Jon
Antihistamines: mode of action, prescribing rationale and uses
Nurse Prescribing
2009 APR 7 ( 4 ): 166 - 170
This article provides a summary of some of the issues associated with the prescribing of antihistamines for seasonal allergic rhinitis

AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT

Hayes, Derren
Finding help with autism
Community Care
2009 APR 2nd ( 1764 ): 18 - 19
Support for families with an autistic child is often patch and hard to negotiate. Article looks at what is needed and explores some of the existing services

BREAST ADDICTION ADOLESCENCE HEALTH PROMOTION SCHOOL HEALTH PROMOTION BREAST CANCER HEALTH EDUCATION

Harris, Jacqueline
Promoting better breast awareness in teenagers
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 APR 4 ( 3 ): 124 - 129
In response to many requests from school nurses for breast awareness and breast cancer information suitable for teenagers, Breast Cancer Care undertook a study into teenagers information needs, and developed and piloted a resource pack

BREAST FEEDING FATHERS

Sherriff, Nigel
Fathers' perspectives on breastfeeding; ideas for intervention
The article presents the findings of a small-scale qualitative study with fathers as part of a larger social marketing project. The findings reveal a number of areas that may be of use to health professionals to increase the initiation and continuation of breastfeeding.

**CANCER PAIN GENERAL PRACTITIONERS CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

Cormie, Paul
GPs can manage the challenge of severe cancer pain in adults
Guidelines in practice
2009 APR 12 (4): 35 - 38
Author summarises the recommendations relevant to primary care from SIGN on the assessment and management of severe pain in patients with cancer.

**CHILD ABUSE FATHERS HEAD INJURIES INFANTS**

Coles, Lisa; Collins, Lynne
Including fathers in preventing non-accidental head injury
Community Practitioner
2009 APR 82 (4): 20 - 23
Health visitors identified fathers as a marginalised, difficult-to-reach group when aiming for universal implementation of a public health programme to prevent non-accidental head injury in babies. Article provides findings from follow on research of 30 fathers from disadvantaged backgrounds with an aim of finding the barriers and facilitators for prevention of NAHI in babies in order to inform prevention strategies.

**CHILD BEHAVIOUR DISORDERS SOCIAL FACTORS CHILDREN INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

Sonnett, Helen
Nurturing Success
Special Children
2009 APR (188): 19 - 21
Looks at the background to nurture groups and explains why their caring approach is experiencing something of a revival in schools.

**CHILD PROTECTION SOCIAL WORK SOCIAL SERVICES**

Hunter, Mark
Laming: The aftermath -Whatever happened to supervision?
Community Care
2009 APR 23 (1767): 18 - 19
Discusses the importance of good supervision.

Gulland, Anne
Child protection - Sexualisation: myth or reality?
Community Care
2009 APR 23 (1767): 22 - 23
Questions whether young children are being sexualised and if there is cause for concern.
CLINICAL GUIDELINES DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES

Ness, Wendy
Using national guidelines to support the assessment of lower bowel dysfunction
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7  105 (12): 16 - 18
The article outlines how national guidelines can support the assessment of bowel dysfunction

Patient safety special focus
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7  105 (12): 24 - 35
The special focus insert includes the articles:
The inseparable link between nursing and patient safety p26
Leading the way to the safest possible care p27
Reducing harm from deterioration p29 - 29
Reducing harm in critical care pp30 - 31
Reducing harm in perioperative care p32 - 33
Reducing harm from high-risk medication p24 - 25

CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION ADVERTISING

Gray, Steven
Marketing activities must follow the new NHS Promotion Code
Guidelines in practice
Highlights the existence of the new Promotion Code and its impact on provisioners of NHS services in terms of advertising materials and hospitality

CONTINENCE DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES COMMUNITY NURSING

Bardsley, Alison
Assessment and management of faecal incontinence
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 23 (4): 4 - 10
Gives an overview of this distressing condition and how it can be managed in the community setting

DEMENTIA AGEING NUTRITION PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Miles, Lisa
Cognitive decline: is there a protective role for nutrition and physical activity?
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 14 (4): 142 - 145
How does nutrition and physical activity affect cognitive decline?

Shepherd, Stuart
Dementia - Improve care through a pathway to early diagnosis
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 2 (): 18 - 19
Reports on the National Dementia Strategy which was launched in February to improve the lives of sufferers through early intervention
DEPRESSION MEDICINES PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
Cowen, Philip; Watkins, Jean
Management of depression
Prescriber 2009 APR 5 20 (7): 12 - 18
Specialist Prof Cowen answers questions posed by GP, Dr Watkins, on the management of depression in primary care, and comments on 2 case histories

DIABETES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Lawal, Muili
Diabetes: a guide to glucose meters
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants 2009 APR 03 (04): 171 - 175
This article illustrates the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of glucose estimation, particularly those who have responsibility for day-to-day monitoring of blood glucose levels

Etoria-King, Hazel
Self-care of the diabetic foot: A literature review
An examination of the literature reveals that supporting people with diabetes to carry out self-care can improve health outcomes and quality of life.

Miller, Judith
Quality Zone: Yoga for emotional wellbeing in diabetes and other long-term conditions
Journal of Diabetes Nursing 2009 13 (3): 96 - 104
Explores the use of yoga to improve emotional wellbeing in people with diabetes and depression

Da Costa, Sara
Accessing diabetes care: Those who can, and those who cannot
Journal of Diabetes Nursing 2009 13 (3): 108 -
Explores the issues that will arise as the older population becomes affected by the obesity epidemic, and discusses how best to provide care and services to this group

Sharp, PS
Quality outcomes for a diabetes service
Practical Diabetes International 2009 APR 26 (3): 96 - 97
Current NHS policy is to move services for chronic disease out of the hospital sector into the community, with services managed by a variety of health care professionals. There are often no clinical outcome measures specified for such clinics, and therefore the article describes results for one such service run by a consultant, a dietitian and a specialist nurse.

Lindholm Olinder, A
Post-prandial glucose levels following three methods of insulin bolusing
The aims of this study were to assess whether one method of insulin bolusing was superior to two others in managing two pasta meals, and to compare the glucose levels with those of females without diabetes.

Hayat, H
Risk factors for visual impairment registration due to diabetic retinopathy in Leeds, 2002-2005
Practical Diabetes International
2009 APR 26 (3): 103 - 106
Article produces findings of a retrospective study of case notes of those patients registered blind or partially sighted due to diabetic retinopathy in the Leeds metropolitan area in the years 2002-2005

Perry, E; Gallen IW
Guidelines on the current best practice for the management of type 1 diabetes, sport and exercise
Practical Diabetes International
2009 APR 26 (3): 116 - 123
This article aims to empower health care professionals working in clinical practice within the field of type 1 diabetes, sport and exercise. The first section of the article summarises the physiological challenges to glucose homeostasis anticipated from different types of exercise in an individual with type 1 diabetes. The second section considers the current evidence base and recognised strategies available to overcome these physiological challenges.

DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES PALLIATIVE CARE MEDICINES
Canham, Jonathan
Using methylnaltrexone in opioid-induced constipation
Nurse Prescribing
2009 APR 7 (4): 154 - 159
Methylnaltrexone (Relistor) is the first peripherally-acting mu opioid receptor antagonist to be licensed for the treatment of opioid-induced constipation in adults with advanced illness receiving palliative care, when response to regular laxative therapy has been inadequate. This article explores the uniqueness of the drug and how it has been used in clinical practice at the London Bridge Hospital

Newson, Louise
Bowel cancer
Practice Nurse
2009 APR 10 37 (7): 12 - 15
The article describes the common symptoms of bowel cancer and the screening and treatment processes

DISCRIMINATION OLDER PEOPLE PREJUDICE
Mitchell, Michelle
Why the NHS needs to be inoculated against discrimination
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 14 (4): 165 - 167
The Equality Bill will hopefully attack the institutional ageism present in the NHS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Shepherd, Stuart
Home is where the hatred is
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 9 ( ): 22 - 24
The article describes new preventive approaches to domestic violence, drawing particularly on initiatives in Barking and Dagenham and Hull

EAR DISORDERS EAR NICE CHILDREN
A cochlear implant
Special Children
2009 APR ( 188 ): 26 - 29
New advice from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence paves the way for severe to profoundly deaf children to be fitted with cochlear implants. Article summaries the effects

EDUCATION SOCIAL SERVICES INTERPROFESSIONAL WORKING SCHOOLS
Boddy, Janet
A PROFESSIONAL'S PLACE IN EXTENDED SCHOOLS
Community Care
2009 APR 23 ( 1767 ): 24 - 25
Looked at the benefits of social care practitioners working in extended schools; and found that multi-agency relationships were strengthened

EPILEPSY SCHOOLS, NURSING
Flower, Diane
Epilepsy part 1: Recognizing seizure types and diagnosis
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 APR 4 ( 3 ): 113 - 118
Most schools will have one or more children with epilepsy, therefore it is important for school nurses to understand the condition. Article provides an overview of the different types of seizures and the diagnosis of epilepsy.

FAMILY SUPPORT SUBSTANCE MISUSE ALCOHOL MISUSE PARENTS CHILDREN FAMILIES
Solloway, Nicky
Dealing with matters of substance
Young Minds
2009 APR ( 99 ): 32 - 33
Author visits SUPA Kids, an initiative which works with children who are often the innocent victims in families where a parent has drug or alcohol problems.

FATHERS PARENTING FAMILY SUPPORT BEST PRACTICE
Bayley, Julie
Fathers and parenting programmes: barriers and best practice
Community Practitioner
Fathers are particularly difficult to recruit to voluntary parenting programmes, despite the advantages of such programmes for confidence and skill in parenting and associated improvements in child behaviours. This review gathers information on barriers to fathers' engagement with parenting support services and identifies best practice for recruitment.

**FINANCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESIDENTIAL CARE**

Williams, Corin
Funding - Domiciliary care in the firing line
Community Care
2009 APR 23 (1767): 10 - 11
Discusses care home funding problems

**GENDER SOCIAL EXCLUSION POVERTY HARD TO REACH GROUPS RESEARCH METHODS**

Mackereth, Catherine; Milner, Susan J
'He'll not talk to anyone': researching men on low incomes
Community Practitioner
2009 APR 82 (4): 24 - 27
This paper explores the difficulties of undertaking research with men living on low incomes.

**HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS SKILLS TRAINING**

Rees, Jacqueline and others
Changing practice - Developing a workbook to support healthcare assistants in delivering competent care
Nursing Times
2009 APR 14 105 (14): 10 - 12
Describes a workbook developed by an NHS trust to ensure that HCAs are competent in three areas; continence (catheter care), nutrition and pressure ulcer prevention

O'Dowd, Adrian and others
Unison in association with NT HCA supplement
Nursing Times
2009 APR 21 105 (15): -
Articles on opportunities to work in prisons, how unsuitable staff are prevented from working with vulnerable people, careers in mental health care, HCA regulation, confidentiality, how Unison can help HCAs face dilemmas

**HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

Health inequalities
Health Matters
2009 SPR (75): 6 - 16
Several articles on health inequalities include:
Does material success mean good health? p6 - 8
Health inequalities, work and community p9 - 10
Inequalities and empowerment p11
What to do about health inequalities in the United Kingdom p12 - 15
A remedy for health inequality p16
HEALTH PROMOTION EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH
Gould, Mark
Health trainers - Meet the new boss
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 23 (22 - 24)
Looks at members of the public acting as trainers in different parts of the country and questions whether they improve the health of their community

HEARING DISORDERS ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY
Peate, Ian
Caring for the person with otitis media
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 APR 03 (04): 167 - 170
This article provides an outline of the anatomy and physiology of the ear, the signs and symptoms associated with otitis media, an overview of the diagnosis and the treatment and care of the person with the condition.

Gould, Mark
Let's listen to the needs of deaf children
Young Minds
2009 APR 99: 28 - 29
Many professionals fail to understand the needs of deaf children with mental health problems, but a government-commissioned report and pioneering services may augur a better future.

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PLANNING INFECTION CONTROL
Webber-Maybank, Melanie; Luton, Helen
Making effective use of predicted discharge dates to reduce the length of stay in hospital
Nursing Times
2009 APR 21 105 (15): 12 - 13
Outlines an initiative to improve discharge planning and describes how focus on predicted dates increased discharge by the targetted date

HOSPITALS DIGNITY PATIENT PARTICIPATION
Cornwell, Jocelyn; Goodrich, Joanna
Exploring how to ensure compassionate care in hospital to improve patient experience
Nursing Times
2009 APR 21 105 (15): 14 - 16
Discusses what compassion means, what prevents compassionate care and what changes need to be made to ensure compassionate care

LAW MIDWIVES PATIENT SAFETY
Carlisle, Daloni
Birth of a new age in maternity care
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 16 ( ): 16 - 17
Looks at the pressure maternity services are under in order to meet new standards and improve safety

LONG TERM CONDITIONS HOSPITAL ADMISSION INTERPROFESSIONAL WORKING
Cotton, Julie
Providing an integrated admissions avoidance service
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 14 ( 4 ): 153 - 156
This article describes the integrated admission avoidance model of provision that Bassetlaw PCT adopted.

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM DISORDERS
Chronic Oedema - Supplement
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 14 ( 4 ): S1 - S30
Supplement contains a selection of topical articles relating to the effective management of chronic oedema.

MARKETING PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS HEALTH PROMOTION
Carlisle, Daloni
Social marketing - Loud and clear
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 16 ( ): 20 - 22
PCTs can use social marketing to promote health but they need to use evidence based methods and refrain from public relations exercises

MEDICINES NURSE PRESCRIBERS
Greener, Mark
Understanding the principles of drug distribution and excretion
Nurse Prescribing
2009 APR 7 ( 4 ): 161 - 165
This article introduces the final two key pharmacokinetic concepts: distribution and excretion. It explains how understanding distribution and excretion can help nurses appreciate the rationale for a drug's regimen and why they need to adapt dosing in certain circumstances. Furthermore, some processes involved in distribution and excretion can give rise to potentially serious and occasionally valuable interactions.

McAllister, James
Glaucoma: target intraocular pressures and current treatments
Prescriber
2009 APR 5 20 ( 7 ): 22 - 36
Drug review describes the use of intraocular pressures targets for treatment and considers the medical, laser and surgical options

MENTAL HEALTH ANIMALS
Zimolag, Ulrike; Krupa, Terry
Pet ownership as a meaningful community occupation for people with serious mental illness
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
2009 MAR 63 (2): 126 - 137
Article determines the proportion of pet owners and non-pet owners with serious mental illness, compared their characteristics and their motivations for owning or not owning a pet, and examined the relationship between pet ownership and engagement in meaningful activity and three dimensions of community integration.

MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS PAIN
James, Terry
In painful denial - a coping strategy: ankylosing spondylitis
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 APR 03 (04): 198 - 200
Author writes about his experience and coming to terms with having the chronic condition ankylosing spondylitis.

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND DISORDERS OLDER PEOPLE
Kay, Lynnette G
Awareness of Driving Ability in Senior Drivers With Neurological Conditions
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
2009 MAR 63 (2): 146 - 150
Determines the agreement between rating of awareness based on sores on the Driving Awareness Questionnaire (DriveAware) and global judgments of awareness awarded after on-road assessment, thereby establishing the possibility of measuring driver's awareness.

Dickie, Virginia A
Parent reports of sensory experiences of preschool children with and without autism: A qualitative study
American Journal of Occupational Therapy
2009 MAR 63 (2): 172 - 181
This study describes sensory experiences of children with and without autism. Parents of 66 preschoolers 29 typically developing; 37 with autism described situations in which their child had "good" and "bad" sensory experiences and their perception of how these situations felt to the child.

Peate, Ian
Caring for the unconscious person
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 APR 03 (04): 190 - 193
This article provides a brief overview of the anatomy and physiology of the brain, the various stages of arousal, and some of the possible causes of unconsciousness. The important aspect of assessment and care provision are discussed, two assessment tools are briefly described.

NUTRITION NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCY OLDER PEOPLE VITAMINS & SUPPLEMENTS
Nazarko, Linda
Nutrition part 4: anorexia of ageing
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 APR 03 (04): 162 - 165
This article explains how ageing, medication, depression and illness can lead to poor nutrition. Healthcare assistants can use strategies outlined in the article to enable older people to regain weight and health and enjoy an improved quality of life.

OBESITY
Lomas, Claire
Shedding pounds.
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7 105 (13): 8 - 10
The article describes a range of innovative projects designed to tackle the problem of growing obesity levels, including a scheme that pays people to lose weight.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AUDIT BACK PAIN DEPRESSION
Williams, Sian
The first national clinical audit of NHS occupational health services
British Journal of Community Nursing
Two national clinical audits of occupational health care for NHS staff in England looked at: management of back pain, and depression screening in staff on long-term sickness absence, 71% of trusts participated.

PAIN MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS
Swann, Julie
Ankylosing spondylitis: care and treatment
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 APR 03 (04): 177 - 180
Ankylosing spondylitis is a chronic inflammatory disease of the connective tissue of the joints. Although the first symptoms can be traced to childhood, it is not formally diagnosed until several clinical signs and symptoms are present. This article outlines this painful condition.

Reaney, Rebecca L
Effects of chronic pain on children and young people
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 APR 4 (3): 145 - 146
Chronic pain in children can lead to poor school attendance and social isolation. School nurses have an important role to play in supporting affected children and working with other health professionals and school employees to devise effective strategies to make school more accessible to them.

PALLIATIVE CARE END OF LIFE CARE
Becker, Robert
Palliative care 1: principles of palliative care nursing and end-of-life care.
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7 105 (13): 14 - 16
The article describes the definitions, goals and principles of palliative care nursing and the diversity and challenges that lie in providing this care.
Becker, Robert  
Palliative care 2: exploring the skills that nurses need to deliver high-quality care 
Nursing Times 
2009 APR 14  105 ( 14 ): 18 - 20 
Looks at the skills and competencies needed for provision of quality palliative and end-of-life care in different healthcare settings

Becker, Robert  
Palliative care 3: Using palliative nursing skills in clinical practice 
Nursing Times 
2009 APR 21  105 ( 15 ): 18 - 21 
Explores the practice-based reality of using the palliative approach in multiple settings and discusses the challenges

PATIENT INFORMATION PATIENTS’ RECORDS

Fisher, Brian  
Patient record access 
Health Matters 
2009 SPR ( 75 ): 24 - 25 
The author argues that patient record access is good for the patient and for the clinician

PREGNANCY ANTENATAL CARE POSTNATAL CARE ABUSE

Cross-Sudworth, Fiona  
Ethnicity and domestic abuse: issues for midwives 
British Journal of Midwifery 
2009 APR 17 ( 4 ): 212 - 215 
The article suggests that midwives need training in good communications and cultural awareness to be able to give appropriate advice and support. Locally agreed care pathways and a multidisciplinary team approach are also needed. The article concludes by stating that further research and information on abuse and ethnicity is essential

Reed, Kate  
Fathers' involvement in antenatal screening: midwives views 
British Journal of Midwifery 
2009 APR 17 ( 4 ): 218 - 222 
Drawing on a small scale empirical study, the article seeks to develop an understanding of men's participation in screening from a professional point of view.

PRESCRIPTIONS NURSE PRESCRIBERS

Robinson, Gina  
Supplementary prescribing and patient group directions 
Practice Nurse 
2009 APR 10  37 ( 7 ): 37 - 40 
Supplementary prescribing allows new nurse prescribers to gain confidence whilst patient group directions allowing non-prescribing nurses to supply medication
PRESSURE SORES CLINICAL GOVERNANCE WOUND HEALING COMMUNITY NURSING

Gore, Marcia
Sharp debridement of a pressure ulcer
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 23 (4): 14 - 16
Discusses the sharp debridement of pressure ulcers in the community setting

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS EMPLOYMENT

Mulryan, Chris
Accountability for HCAs and assistant practitoners
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 APR 03 (04): 182 - 184
This article intends to outline some of the key issues that surround accountability so that APs and HCAs can use this to guide decision making and demonstrate accountability in their practice

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW INFLUENZA

Choi, S M Y; Lam P Y
Enhancing legal preparedness for the prevention and control of infectious diseases: Experience from severe acute respiratory syndrome in Hong Kong
Public Health
2009 MAR 123 (3): 242 - 246
Shares HK's experience in reforming legislation to:-(1) update terminology & conform with modern control principles, (2) enhance responsiveness, (3) ensure checks & balances to coercive powers, (4) introduce emergency powers

Martin, R
The role of law in pandemic influenza preparedness in Europe
Public Health
2009 MAR 123 (3): 247 - 254
Considers the role that public health laws can play in the control of pandemic disease, bearing in mind that the capacity of states are constrained by EU law and all are not signatories to the Schengen Agreement

Gable, Lance and others
A global assessment of the role of law in HIV/AIDS pandemic
Public Health
2009 MAR 123 (3): 260 - 264
Examined the role of law as a tool and potential barrier to PH interventions and found that it contributed to better individual and communal health outcomes

Hall W; Gartner C
Supping with the Devil? The role of law in promoting tobacco harm reduction using low nitrosamine smokeless tobacco products
Public Health
2009 MAR 123 (3): 287 - 291
Looks at the legal implications regarding long-term effects and addiction following the success of replacing cigarettes with a lower carcinogenic product in Sweden
QUALITY GENERAL PRACTITIONERS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Mooney, Helen
GP quality: the final frontier for scrutiny
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 16 ( ): 10 - 11
Reports on the King's Fund proposals for a new GP quality inquiry that has won the backing of GPs

QUALITY OF LIFE OLDER PEOPLE HEALTH VISITORS HEALTH PROMOTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Vincent-Clayden, Gillian
Health visiting older people- bridging the gap
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 APR 23 ( 4 ): 18 - 20
Discusses a service innovation that enables independence and promotes optimum health in old age

RESEARCH CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE MENTAL HEALTH

Heslop, Karen and others
Research: Using individualised cognitive behavioural therapy as a treatment for people with COPD
Nursing Times
2009 APR 14 105 ( 14 ): 14 - 17
Study found that CBT was cost effective as a treatment for patients with COPD and helped with depression and anxiety

RESPIRATORY DISORDERS CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE INFECTION CONTROL

Richardson, Matthew and others
Risk assessment and reuse of placebo respiratory equipment
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7 105 ( 13 ): 22 - 24
The article describes the issues that should be considered in decontaminating and guarding against the risk of cross-infection in the reuse of placebo respiratory devices such as inhalers, large volume spacers and peak-flow meters.

Kelly, Carol
An overview of acute exacerbations of COPD
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7 105 ( 13 ): 25 - 28
The article provides an overview of some important aspects of acute exacerbations of COPD.

Peres, Alan
The nurse’s role in managing patients with bronchiectasis
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7 105 ( 13 ): 29 - 31
The article provides an overview of treatment and the role of the nurse in providing
and managing the care of patients with bronchiectasis

SCHOOL HEALTH PROMOTION OBESITY LIFESTYLE CHILDREN ADOLESCENCE

Loughrey, Anita
Tackling childhood obesity: The whole-school approach
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 APR 4 ( 3 ): 147 - 148
Author argues for a 'whole-school approach' to tackle the rise of obesity in children and young people and to ensure that they adopt healthy habits that will last for life.

SELF HARM CHILDREN ADOLESCENCE

Weston, Frances
Working with self-harming children and young people
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 APR 4 ( 3 ): 133 - 137
First in series on different mental health issues affecting children and young people. Article investigates self-harm in children an young people.

SOCIAL MARKETING

Ward, Malcolm
Social marketing - more than just a sales pitch?
Health Matters
2009 SPR 75 ( 75 ): 32 -
The author suggests that social marketing is simply the application of a new terminology to existing health promotion principles.

STROKE AND TIA INTERMEDIATE CARE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

Robinson, Jennifer
Facilitating earlier transfer of care from acute stroke services into the community
Nursing Times
2009 APR 7 105 ( 12 ): 12 - 13
The article describes a new model of care, designed to reduce the length of stay for stroke patients within an acute hospital and to facilitate earlier transfer of care. The new model of care, using a community bed-based intermediate care facility or intermediate care at home is described.

Rickman, Ian
Get fit with gardening
Stroke News
2009 SPR 27 ( 1 ): 12 - 15
Gardening fanatic Ian talks about how getting back to planting and pots helped him in his stroke recovery.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY STATISTICAL DATA EDUCATION

Measures, Claire
Teenage pregnancy - Mothers tide
Health Service Journal
2009 MAR 19 ( ): 17 - 18
Reports on the 10 year strategy which resulted in decline in teenage pregnancy rates in many areas but in others the numbers remain alarming

VITAMINS AND SUPPLEMENTS NUTRITION
O'Connell, Nicola
Are vitamin supplements more harmful than healthy?
Nurse Prescribing
2009 APR 7 ( 4 ): 150 - 153
Looks at recent studies and their findings on supplementation use.

WELLBEING MENTAL HEALTH STRESS DEPRESSION
Day, Patricia
The use of CBT to strengthen emotional wellbeing
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 APR 4 ( 3 ): 130 - 132
Traditional approaches are failing to address the high incidence of mental health issues in young people. In this article the author argues for a programme to strengthen young people's emotional wellbeing based on cognitive behavioural therapy

WORKPLACE Bullying STATISTICAL DATA
Santry, Charlotte
Working lives marred by culture of bullying
Health Service Journal
2009 APR 23 ( ): 12 - 13
Following the NHS staff survey and the HCC chair's interview, Santry analyses where and why bullying occurs

WOUND HEALING
Benbow, Maureen
Choosing cost-effective wound dressings
Practice Nurse
2009 APR 10 37 ( 7 ): 16 - 23
The article presents the properties, actions and indications of common dressing types.

Robinson, Francesca
The role of bio-films in wounds
Practice Nurse
2009 APR 10 37 ( 7 ): 24 - 26
The article describes new approaches to the management of infection in wounds