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Current Awareness List for June 2009

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To: Current Awareness

ADOLESCENCE CHILDREN GAMBLING

Griffiths, Mark
Adolescent gambling-like experiences: Are they a cause for concern?
Education and Health
2009 27 (2): 27 - 30
Article highlights the new types of gambling-like experiences that children and adolescents are now being exposed to.

Bowles, Hannah
Helping teenagers stop smoking: comparative observations across youth settings in Cardiff
Health Education Journal
2009 JUN 68 (2): 111 - 118
This paper presents comparative observations between schools, colleges, youth centres, and specialist youth provision, in relation to delivery of the 2tuff2puff six-week smoking cessation and awareness programme to young people in Cardiff

Mazzer, Kelly R
Community Gatekeepers’ Advice to young people to seek help from mental health professionals: youth workers and sport coaches
International Journal of Mental Health Promotion
2009 MAY 11 (2): 13 - 23
This study investigated the intentions of community gatekeepers, youth workers and coaches to refer young people to mental health professionals, and examined the factors that influence the advice gatekeepers give to young people concerning help-seeking for mental health problems

ALCOHOL SPORTS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

O’Brien Kerry; Kypros, Kypri
Booze and bad sport then?
Alcohol Concern
2009 SUM 24 (2): 16 - 18
Explains why sport should uncouple itself from the drinks industry

Shenker, Don
When is alcohol too cheap?
Alcohol Concern
2009 SUM 24 (2): 19 -
During a time of recession and with a general election around the corner. The Chief Executive at Alcohol Concerns asks 'What should government do about cut price alcohol?'

Plant, Martin
Acquire - Drinking Patterns
Alcohol concern
2009 SUM 24 (2): i - xvi
Article looks at the drinking patterns, habit and culture in the United Kingdom

van Hoof, Joris J
There's alcohol in my soup: portrayal and effects of alcohol use in a popular television series
Health Education Research
2009 JUN 24 (3): 421 - 429
Two studies are reported addressing the media influences on adolescents' alcohol-related attitudes and behaviours. A content analysis was conducted to investigate the prevalence of alcohol portrayal in a Dutch soap series

ALCOHOL MISUSE HEALTH VISITORS SCHOOLS, NURSING PRACTICE NURSING TRAINING

Lacey, Joanne
Alcohol brief interventions: exploring perceptions and training needs
Community Practitioner
2009 JUN 82 (6): 30 - 33
This study investigates the perceptions and training needs of health visitors, school nurses, nursery nurses and preactice nurses in relation to alcohol misuse primary prevention and the delivery of brief interventions in their day to day work.

ALLERGIES

Reading, David
Anaphylaxis part 1: Common causes and symptoms
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 JUN 4 (5): 218 - 222
Provides an overview of Anaphylaxis and outlines some of the common causes and symptoms

Chantrell, Jan
Allergic rhinitis
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 26th 37 (12): 28 - 32
Explains why the optimal control of allergic rhinitis depends on the correct diagnosis, appropriate treatment, patient education and regular follow up

Farooque, Sophie
Diagnosis, allergen avoidance and treatment of allergic rhinitis
Prescriber
2009 MAY 19 20 (10): 38 - 48
Drug review discusses diagnosis, treatments and avoidance strategies; and includes a review of prescription data and sources of further information

Walker, Samantha
Managing severe summer hayfever
Primary Health Care
2009 APR 19 (3): 14 - 20
Examines the prevalence, cause and treatment of summer hayfever and looks at how it can be managed in adolescents and avoid poor exam results
ANOREXIA NERVOSA MENTAL HEALTH EATING DISORDERS

Jackman, Robert
Anorexia nervosa: Diagnosis and management
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 JUN 4 ( 5 ): 234 - 236
Anorexia nervosa is a serious mental illness and can have severe physical consequences. Article provides a brief overview of the condition, its symptoms and management

ARTHRITIS RHEUMATIC DISORDERS

Sheeran, Tom
'Hub and spoke' services at Cannock Chase Hospital enable management of large numbers of patients with RA
Guidelines in practice
2009 JUN 12 ( 6 ): 46 - 48
Close contact between the rheumatology department and local primary care trusts has resulted in novel methods for providing patient-focused services.

Gibson, Jane
Community based care for rheumatoid arthritis is key to Fife Rheumatic Diseases Unit services
Guidelines in practice
2009 JUN 12 ( 6 ): 49 - 51
Outlines management of early-onset rheumatoid arthritis at the FRDU where early referral and aggressive therapy are triggering early, prolonged remission

Oliver, Susan
Care of patients with rheumatioid arthritis
Primary Health Care
2009 JUN 19 ( 5 ): 16 - 22
The King's fund report on rheumatioid arthirtis found wide variations in the care available to patients, a lack of understanding among health professionals of disease progression and poor information provision. An explanation of the disease, the care nurses working in community settings can provide and what should be involved in the commissioning process are covered in this article.

ASYLUM SEEKERS SOCIAL WORKERS VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Davis, Rowenna
Excluded from help
Community Care
2009 JUN 4th ( 1773 ): 22 - 23
Asylum seekers often complain that social services are not receptive to their cause. Article reports on obstacles faced by social workers and on orgaisations that help

BEST PRACTICE EDUCATION TRAINING

Saffron Powell, Sarra
Study skills: clinical writing: what is best practice?
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 ( 06 ): 300 - 301
This article examines the basic principles of clinical record keeping. It identifies the purpose of clinical writing in relation to the five principles laid down by the NMC and offers advice to ensure you record keeping is the best it can be.

**BLOOD AND IMMUNE DISORDERS NURSING PROCEDURES**

Bishop, Tina  
Venepuncture  
Practice Nurse  
2009 JUN 26th  37 ( 12 ): 18 - 21  
Provides an overview of the knowledge and skills required to perform venepuncture safely.

**BLOOD PRESSURE GENERAL PRACTICE MEDICINES**

Broomhead, Charles  
Hypertension targets: improving control and concordance  
Prescriber  
2009 MAY 19  20 ( 10 ): 50 - 53  
Discusses the issues facing GPs trying to meet QOF hypertension targets; and when exception reporting may be appropriate.

**BOWEL DISORDERS CHILDREN**

Rogers, June  
Management of functional constipation in childhood  
Nurse Prescribing  
2009 JUN 7 ( 6 ): 267 - 270  
This article discusses the keys to successful treatment of functional constipation in childhood, including ensuring an holistic, child focused approach with effective initial evacuation and appropriate maintenance therapy.

**BREAST FEEDING CHILD NUTRITION CHILD DEVELOPMENT GROWTH**

Bainbridge, Jane  
Breasfed babies less likely to become overweight children  
British Journal of Midwifery  
2009 JUN 16 ( 6 ): 393 -  
According to a new study breasfed babies experience slower growth than formula-fed babies, which could be a reason why breasfed babies are less likely to become overweight children later on.

**CANCER PATIENTS QUALITY**

Gallagher, Ann  
Exploring the views of patients with cancer on what makes a good nurse- a pilot study  
Nursing Times  
2009 JUN 16th  105 ( 23 ): 24 - 27  
While it is vital to assess whether nursed follow professional codes and policies, it is equally important to consider patients’ perceptions of good nursing.
Knowles, Jenny
Encouraging early presentation of cancer symptoms
Primary Health Care
2009 APR  19 (3): 23-24
Outlines the Improvement Foundation's ideas for encouraging people to present earlier with breast, bowel and lung cancer symptoms
(www.improvementfoundation.org)

CARERS ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE SOCIAL WORKERS

Lilley, Roy
Prisoners of love
Primary Health Care
2009 APR  19 (3): 8-8
The plight of carers in the UK

CHILD ABUSE CHILD PROTECTION

Gillen, Sally
What's different this time?
Community Care
2009 JUN 4th  (1773): 20-21
In the wake of the Baby P case, "What's different this time?" It's a question that will be asked of the National Safeguarding Delivery Unit. Roger Sigleton, who will oversee the body, offers some answers.

CHILD CARE POVERTY HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Tickle, Louise
Groundforce (Child poverty)
Community Care
2009 JUN 18  (1775): 18-19
The article details some small-scale local projects designed to tackle child poverty

CHILD PROTECTION HEALTH VISITORS

Kin Ly
Frontline pressures after Baby P
Community Practitioner
2009 JUN  82 (6): 12-13
Practitioners tell of the pressures that they now face in safeguarding children, highlighting a lack of supportive management and insufficient staffing levels

CHILDREN FAMILIES DISABILITIES

Heywood, Janet
Nothing about us without us: involving families in Early Support
Community Practitioner
2009 JUN  82 (6): 26-29
Early Support is the England-wide government programme to achieve child-centred and family focused services for children aged nought to five years with a disability or complex need and their families. Integral to the ethos of Early Support is the understanding that every decision should be influenced and led by children and
This paper documents efforts to ensure that the stories of families are heard and used to inform the development of proposals for Early Support in Bedfordshire and explores ways to overcoming barriers to meaningful user-involvement.

Nelder, Robert
Understanding childhood obesity
Primary Health Care
2009 JUN 19 (5): 28 - 30
Levels of childhood obesity in Plymouth have increased since 1995. In 2005 a significant association was found with deprivation. A citywide strategy was suggested to reach most children who are underweight or overweight.

CHOLESTEROL PRACTICE NURSING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

Williams, Delyth
Familial hypercholesterolaemia
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 12th 37 (11): 21 - 24
Describes the valuable role practice nurses have in caring for people with familial hypercholesterolaemia.

CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE MEDICINES

Barnett, Margaret
Pharmacological symptom relief in end-stage COPD
Nurse Prescribing
2009 JUN 7 (6): 271 - 276
This article provides some guidance to health professionals on the most common symptoms experienced by patients with end-stage COPD and drugs available to help achieve adequate symptom control.

Hunter, Steve
Holistic assessment of patients with COPD before the use of non-invasive ventilation
Nursing Times
2009 MAY 26th 105 (20): 25 - 27
This article uses a case study to illustrate why patients with COPD require holistic assessment and arterial blood gas analysis before non-invasive ventilation is used.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Kennedy, Catriona
Modernizing community nursing services in Scotland
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 14 (6): 249 - 250
Looks at the major review being undertaken of Community nursing in Scotland. What transpires in Scotland over the next few years has the potential to contribute to the global debate about how community nursing may be developed to meet the needs of people and communities.

COMMUNITY NURSING PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS EMPLOYMENT
Mooney, Helen
How will the PCT shake-up affect nurses?
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 9th  105 ( 22 ): 12 - 13
Transforming Community Services was launched earlier this year. Article reports on
UNISON's concerns over separation of the commissioning and provider functions.

Duffin, Christian
Child protection report calls for immediate action
Primary Health Care
2009 APR  19 ( 3 ): 7 - 7
Reports on Lord Laminga's recent report 2009, and the need for community nurses
to be equipped for child protection work

CONTINENCE CHILDREN FAMILIES HARD TO REACH GROUPS

Henry, Tricia
Helping hard-to-reach families to manage their children's continence problems
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 2nd  105 ( 21 ): 22 - 25
Research assessed parent and child understanding of the continence issues
affecting them and the response of the family and healthcare professionals

DEATH END OF LIFE CARE BEREAVEMENT

Hills, Marika
Evaluating last offices care and improving services offered to newly bereaved relatives
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 16th  105 ( 23 ): 14 - 16
This article outlines the background to an audit that was prompted by concerns
linked to procedures for last offices. The response to initial audit findings and
consequent actions taken to raise awareness and improve services are also discussed

DEMENTIA RESIDENTIAL CARE MEDICINES

Pitt, Vern
Provider slashes drugs use as sector awaits key review
Community Care
2009 JUN 18 ( 1775 ): 9 - 9
The article says that some care homes are reducing their use of psychotropic drugs
for patients with dementia in advance of the DH review of drug usage

Warren, Ed
Managing patients with suspected dementia
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 26th  37 ( 12 ): 33 - 36
Considers the problems that dementia can cause, patient assessment and the
difficulties of management

DENTAL & ORAL HEALTH BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS
HEALTH PROMOTION
Clarke, Wendy
Oral health promotion for linguistically and culturally diverse populations: Understanding the local non-English-speaking population
Health Education Journal
2009 JUN 68 (2): 119 - 129
Using the population of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham as an example, this paper will highlight the complexity of developing oral health promotion resources for non-English-speaking populations, where language is a barrier to accessing information and services. Practical strategies for delivering healthpromotion in the community is also considered.

DIABETES FOOT HEALTH MEDICINES

Leese, Graham
Use of antibiotics in people with diabetic foot disease: A consensus statement
The Diabetic Foot Journal
2009 SUM 12 (2): 62 - 74
Provides broad, practical guidance on the use of antibiotics in people with diabetic foot disease complicated by infection

Prasad Agrawal, Rajendra
Use of platelet-derived growth factor gel in chronic diabetic foot ulcers
The Diabetic Foot Journal
2009 SUM 12 (2): 80 - 88
A randomised control trial showing significantly improved healing following therapy with a platelet-derived growth factor gel therapy compared with placebo

Banerjee, Moulinath
Photobiomodulation therapy for diabetic foot ulcers
The Diabetic Foot Journal
2009 SUM 12 (2): 90 - 95
A retrospective cohort study of low-level polychromatic, coherent light therapy showing a diabetic foot ulcer closure rate of almost half by study end

Bhupal, Elizabeth
Differential effects of intravenous and subcutaneous insulin sliding scales
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2009 13 (5): 170 - 175
This study sets out to determine the effectiveness of the insulin sliding-scale regimen in the prevention and treatment of acute hyperglycaemia in hospitalised individuals, with or without a previous diagnosis of diabetes, in their institution. Also attempts to identify whether change was needed regarding the current method of glycaemic control for inpatients.

Malcolm, Jill; Moir, Karen
Evaluation of Fife-DICE: type 2 diabetes insulin conversion group education
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2009 13 (5): 178 - 183
Fife-DICE is an enhanced dietetic group education programme that aims to minimise weight gain and improve glycaemic control for people with type 2 diabetes beginning insulin therapy. Reports evaluation findings.

Hodgkins, Alexis
Diabetes education in primary care: ‘Target sessions’
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2009 13 (5): 187 - 192
There is increasing evidence that the onset of type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed. The active involvement of people with diabetes, inclusive of family and carers, in the provision of their own care is a key element of good diabetes care. This article describes the implementation of ‘diabetes target education sessions’ in South East Essex.

Sumner, Janet; Bartlett, Katy
Pre-conception care: Getting ready before the event
Journal of Diabetes Nursing
2009 13 (5): 194 - 198
This article discusses the implementation of a group education programme focusing on reducing the recognised risk factors associated with diabetes and pregnancy, thus enabling women to prepare for pregnancy prior to conception.

Russell-Jones, D
The role of incretin-based therapies in management of type 2 diabetes
Practical Diabetes International
2009 JUN 26 (5): 186 - 188
Discusses the result of recent trials that indicate incretin-based therapies help to achieve glycaemic goals in patients with Type 2 diabetes.

DIET INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Glasgow, Russell E
Development and implementation of an integrated, multi-modality, user-centered interactive dietary change program
Health Education Research
2009 JUN 24 (3): 461 - 471
Article describes the development of an integrated CD-ROM and interactive voice response dietary change intervention that combines behavioral problem-solving theory with high degree of user choice. The program, WISE CHOICES, is being evaluated as part of an ongoing trial.

DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS

Peate, Ian
Caring for the person with gastritis
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 (06): 281 - 284
This article provides a brief overview of the gastrointestinal tract along with the clinical manifestations associated with the condition and the investigations carried out that can lead to a definitive diagnosis. The care required for the person in outlined as well.

Hennefer, Dawn
Pharmacology- a systems approach: gastrointestinal tract
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 (06): 295 - 299
Looks at some of the functions of the gastrointestinal tract and the role it plays in relation to the breaking down of food therefore helping us to understand what happens when the gastrointestinal tract is dysfunctioning and how some of the more common drugs such as antacids, proton pump inhibitors and laxatives work.
DIGNITY COMMUNITY NURSING

Price, Bob
Supporting patients' dignity in the community
Primary Health Care
2009 APR 19 (3): 40 - 47
Threats to dignity in the community setting is different from those in hospital and requires a different approach by nurses.

DIVORCE & SEPARATION MENTAL HEALTH CHILDREN COUNSELLING FAMILIES

Weston, Frances
Effects of divorce or parental separation on children
British Journal of School Nursing
This is the second article in a series on different mental health issues affecting children and young people. This article investigates the effects of parental separation or divorce in children and young people.

DYSPHAGIA LEARNING DISABILITIES COMMUNICATION DISORDERS LANGUAGE DISORDERS

Jones, Peter
Role Models
Speech & Language Therapy in Practice
2009 SUM (): 15 - 17
People with learning disability and dysphagia need specialist support and advice to ensure safe eating and drinking and optimal communication- but who is best placed to provide what? Article discusses how roles are shifting as the multidisciplinary service in North West Wales evolves.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OLDER PEOPLE

Moore, Alison
Heatwave planning gets PCTs hot under the collar
Health Service Journal
2009 JUN 18 (): 18 - 19
The article discusses the plans that should be in place in PCTs in the case of a summer heatwave.

EMPLOYMENT WELLBEING FINANCE

Juniper, Bridget
Staff well-being - What works for your workforce
Health Service Journal
Improving employee wellbeing can be a cost effective way to improve performance and reduce absenteeism.

EMPOWERMENT MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS
Holmeford, Gabrielle
coping and learning processes in exchange of support in confidant dyads
International journal of Mental Health Promotion
2009 MAY 11 (2): 4 - 12
The aim of this study was to explore in depth the meaning of participating in a confidant dyad of eight Norwegian women between 40–60 years of age, in order to uncover the psychosocial processes that may link confidant support and health.

EYE DISORDERS EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Khodabukus, Rehana
Chemical eye injuries 1: presentation, clinical features, treatment and prognosis
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 9th 105 (22): 28 - 29
Exploring initial presentation of chemical eye injuries, clinical features, outlook and prognosis, and the importance of immediate treatment.

Khodabukus, Rehana
Chemical eye injuries 2: management and nursing care to promote visual rehabilitation
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 16th 105 (23): 28 - 30
An outline of how to treat chemical injuries to the eye, with advice on emergency and ongoing nursing care to promote healing and rehabilitation.

FINANCE HOSPITALS PRIVATE HEALTH CARE

Gainsbury, Sally
Trusts in the dark over cost of private patients
Health Service Journal
2009 MAY 28 (): 10 - 11
Looks into costs, calculations and rates of return in order to assess whether NHS are charging enough for private care.

West, Dave
NHS survival may depend on a ‘series of big changes’
Health Service Journal
News report from the NHS Confederation Conference on the need to manage the inevitable government spending cuts in order to enable the NHS to survive.

FLU CHILDREN INTERNET PATIENT EDUCATION

Kim, Paul
Effects of episodic variations in web-based avian influenza education: influence of fear and humor on perception, comprehension, retention and behavior
Health Education Journal
2009 JUN 24 (3): 369 - 380
In order to provide empirical evidence on the role of a web-based avian influenza education program for mass communication and also ultimately help young children learn and develop healthy behaviors against AI and all types of influenza, an education program with two episodic variations (i.e. fear and humor) has been developed and examined with 183 fifth grade elementary students.
Aitkenhead, Susan
National flu line
Primary Health Care
2009 JUN 19 (5): 34 -
Explains how the national pandemic flu line service will work in time for the autumn season

FOOD AND NUTRITION NUTRITION
Williamson, Claire
Functional foods: what are the benefits?
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 14 (6): 230 - 236
Functional foods and drinks are products that have been enriched with added nutrients or other substances that are considered to have a positive influence on health. This article considers a number of the more popular functional foods currently on the market, looking at how they may benefit our health and the evidence behind some of the claims being made about them.

GENERAL PRACTICE HOSPITALS
Macintosh, Kaye
Patient access - Hanging on the telephone
Health Service Journal
Many GP practices have too few people answering the telephone, leading to dissatisfied patients who end up at the hospital

GENITAL MUTILATION WOMEN'S HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH
Lavender, Rebecca
Female genital mutilation in a globalized age
British Journal of Midwifery
2009 JUN 16 (6): 348 - 353
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), despite being illegal in the UK, remains a major public health issue. This article reports the findings of a semi-structured survey, exploring current FGM services, conducted at a multi-disciplinary event.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES HEALTH PROMOTION PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS
Campbell, Derek
No progress without prevention
Health Service Journal
Campbell, CE Liverpool PCT, says that the financial squeeze makes it imperative to invest in preventing illness in disadvantaged communities, or risk further health inequalities and increased treatment costs

Staines, Richard
Clinicians in Charge
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 16th 105 (23): 8 - 10
Talking to Lord Darzi with the first anniversary of the publication of the NHS Next Stage Review coming up on the progress so far and priorities for the future.

Monks, Rob and others
Evaluation of a neighbourhood health and wellbeing programme
Primary Health Care
2009 APR 19 (3): 34 - 38
An evaluation of how the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund worked in projects in Preston, with recommendations for future initiatives

HEALTH POLICY COMMISSIONING PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS
Crump, Helen
PCTs find there are no shortcuts to freedom
Health Service Journal
Pursuing the rewards for world class commissioning are likely to test the operational strategy of PCTs

HEALTH PROMOTION HEALTH EDUCATION
Battel-Kirk, Barbara
A review of the international literature on health promotion competencies: identifying frameworks and core competencies
Global Health Promotion
2009 JUN 16 (2): 12 - 20
This paper reviews the international literature on competencies in health promotion, examines the competencies developed to date, identifies the methods used in their development and considers what can be learned from the experience of others when establishing international core competencies. Also considers the advantages and disadvantages of employing a competency approach and the extend to which the competencies identified to date can enhance the quality of practice and update the skill set required to work within changing social, cultural and political contexts.

HEALTH VISITORS HEALTH INEQUALITIES WORKLOAD
Cowley, Sarah; Bidmead, Christine
Controversial questions (part one): what is the right size for a health visiting caseload?
Community Practitioner
2009 JUN 82 (6): 18 - 22
This paper is the first in a short series of three that draw on the experience of providing evidence to the Helath Select committee's 2008 inquiry into health inequalities.

HIV & AIDS ADOLESCENCE EVALUATION GROUP WORK SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR
Campbell, Tomas
"Sex, love and one-night stands: getting the relationship you want": Evaluation of a sexual health workshop for HIV+ young people
Education and Health
2009 27 (2): 23 - 27
A week ong european residential meeting for HIV+ young people was held in
Zurich, Switzerland in July 2008. This article describes one of the workshops which was based on the work of the UK based 'Looking Forward Project'. The project uses a group work approach and aims to equip young people with the emotional, psychological and behavioural skills necessary to face the challenges of living with HIV, increased self-management and development of sexual and romantic relationships.

**INFECTION CONTROL COMMUNITY NURSING NICE**

Allen, Daniel  
Community infection control  
Primary Health Care  
2009 APR 19 (3): 6 - 7  
How infection control is being tackled in community settings

**LANGUAGE DISORDERS SURE START EVALUATION**

Adamson-Macedo, Elvidina N  
An independent psychometric evaluation of a speech and language tool for two-year-old children from a Sure Start trailblazer site in the West Midlands  
Child Language Teaching and Therapy  
2009 25 (2): 191 - 214  
Reports the findings of an independent evaluation of the psychometric properties of the Blinston and Ettingshall Sure Start Speech and Language Therapy Two Year Developmental Check and the effect of gender on children's speech and language development.

Baxter, Susan  
Speech and language therapists and teachers working together: Exploring the issues  
Child Language Teaching and Therapy  
2009 25 (2): 215 - 234  
Reports findings of a study that aimed to explore the perceptions of school staff regarding a speech and language therapy service to mainstream schools in one education authority; identifying issues regarding the components of current service delivery from the school staff perspective; and exploring how these perceptions may be used to contribute to future planning

Jones, Michael  
Signing success  
Special Children  
2009 JUN (189): 32 - 34  
Parents and professionals are using signing with very young children in the hope of accelerating their language acquisition and learning. Article looks at the arguments for and against

Lancaster, Gwen  
Group funology  
Speech & Language Therapy in Practice  
2009 SUM (): 8 - 10  
Over five years of running phonology groups, five Speech and Language Therapists describe how they have found that a high level of fun motivates and supports children to change their speech
LEARNING DISABILITIES SCHOOLS PARENTS
The Lamb Inquiry
Special Children
2009 JUN (189): 26 - 29
Explains the background and findings of the Lamb Inquiry, established to find ways in which parental confidence in the SEN assessment process might be improved.

LONG TERM CONDITIONS COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE TELECARE

Marshall, Matthew
Monitoring long term conditions with Telehealth
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 14 (6): 246 - 248
Explains the role telehealth is playing in supporting health and social care professionals and enabling them to deliver more integrated, flexible and person-centred care. Discusses the approach three PCTs have taken for more preventative, community-based care and how their use of telehealth has transformed chronic disease and long term condition management, shifting the balance away from a reliance on hospitals and into the community setting.

Offredy, Maxine
Case management in long term conditions: a inconsistent journey?
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 14 (6): 252 - 257
This paper set out to assess the evidence of the use of a case management approach when dealing with long term conditions in the UK.

Marriage, Deborah
Innovative workshops help teens with chronic illness stay positive
Primary Health Care
2009 APR 19 (3): 30 - 32
Describes the benefits of Staying Positive workshops and how it is achieved.

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM DISORDERS HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS

Honnor, Amanda
Management and treatment of lymphoedema
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 (06): 290 - 293
This article provides healthcare assistants and assistant practitioners with an insight into the lymphatic system and the causes, characteristics and treatment of lymphoedema. Highlights the fundamental aspects of the care of patients with lymphoedema.

Board, Jane
Lymphoedema: improving practice
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 23 (6): 9 - 14
Discusses the impact of tissue stretch and interstitial fluid flow on fibroblasts and collagen fibres in lymphoedema.
MANAGEMENT PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

Taylor, Jennifer
Taking the waste out of primary care processes
Health Service Journal
2009 JUN 18 ( ): 18 - 19
The author makes the case for lean techniques as a means of maximising efficiency in primary care

MEN'S HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH HEALTH PROMOTION PUBLIC HEALTH

Baker, Peter
We must act to stop the recession from damaging men's health
Nursing Times
2009 MAY 26th  105 ( 20 ): 13 -
Men's health is poor and the recession is likely to make it a great deal worse. Local services must be delivered in a male-friendly way to help address this.

Cole, Louise
A pro-active approach to men's health
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 12th  37 ( 11 ): 37 - 39
Looks at how you can encourage men to access primary healthcare services

MENOPAUSE HRT EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH

Holloway, Debra
HRT - debunking the myths
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 26th  37 ( 12 ): 43 - 48
Women often seek help with menopausal symptoms. Article explains how evidence-based information on treatment benefits and risks enables them to make informed choices

MENTAL HEALTH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Narzarko, Linda
Caring for adults with cognitive impairment
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 ( 06 ): 266 - 270
Article looks at the symptoms and signs of cognitive impairment, how the condition is assessed and how to care for cognitively impaired adults

Dewa, Carolyn S
Walking for Wellness: using pedometers to decrease sedentary behaviour and promote mental health
International journal of Mental Health Promotion
2009 MAY 11 ( 2 ): 24 - 28
This pilot study examined the effects of a four-week intervention using a pedometer to increase physical activity and mental health status and decrease sedentary behaviour among working adults.

Matthey, Stephen
Service strategies for engaging fathers in the perinatal period - what have we learned so far?
International Journal of Mental Health Promotion
2009 MAY 11 (2): 29 - 41
The aim of this article is to review the published evidence on the effectiveness of strategies to engage men in psychosocial services during the perinatal period, and to consider anecdotal information from unpublished Australian programs.

Whitham, Justine N
Use of Web-based Delphi Study in the development of a training resource for workers supporting families where parents experience mental illness
International Journal of Mental Health Promotion
2009 MAY 11 (2): 42 - 52
A web-based Delphi study was used to obtain consensus on the content of a training resource for mental health practitioners supporting families experiencing parental mental illness.

MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS SKIN DISORDERS PATIENTS

Nigam, Yamni
Effects of bedrest 3: musculoskeletal and immune systems, skin and self-perception
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 16th 105 (23): 18 - 22
Exploring what happens to the musculoskeletal and immune systems, skin and self-perception in patients confined to bed, and what nurses should look out for.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE HEALTH SERVICES

Winn, Denise
Transformation in the NHS
Human Givens
2009 16 (2): 12 - 16
Reports on how a determined approach to change is revolutionising care at the Royal Bolton Hospital.

NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK STRATEGY SKILLS COMMUNITY NURSING DIAGNOSIS

Haidar, Elizabeth
Analysis of framework models
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 23 (6): 4 - 7
Discusses how diagnosis can be ascertained utilising frameworks, strategies and practice skill.

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND DISORDERS LONG TERM CONDITIONS HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS

Blumlein, Daniela
Huntington's disease part 2: suggestions for practice
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 (06): 272 - 276
This article offers care suggestions for healthcare assistants and assistant practitioners working with people with HD. Two HCA case studies are provided to
illustrate the challenges and rewards they face in working with people with HD

**NICE ASTHMA MEDICINES**

Corrigan, Christopher and others  
Management of asthma  
Prescriber  
2009 MAY 19 20 (10): 32-36  
Specialists answer questions posed by a GP on medication for asthma management and comment on 2 case studies

**NURSE PRESCRIBERS MENTAL HEALTH**

Ross, Jane  
Researching the barriers to mental health nurse prescribing  
Nurse Prescribing  
2009 JUN 7 (6): 249-253  
"What are the barriers to implementing mental health nurse independent prescribing in Scotland?" This article illustrates the importance of the research question. It concludes that in order for nurse independent prescribing to progress that it is essential that barriers are identified.

Courtenay, Molly; Gordon, John  
A survey of therapy areas in which nurses prescribe and CPD needs  
Nurse Prescribing  
2009 JUN 7 (6): 255-262  
This study aims to provide an overview of the therapy areas in which nurses prescribe medicines and their continuing professional development needs. Article reports on the findings.

Greener, Mark  
MHRA warns that NSAIDs can cause severe renal damage in vulnerable patients  
Nursing Times  
2009 JUN 16th 105 (23): 17-  
Medicines management provides essential evidence-based information for nurse prescribers and those involved in administering medicines

**OBESITY CHILDBIRTH**

Veerareddy, Sukrutha  
Obesity: implications for labour and puerperium  
British Journal of Midwifery  
2009 JUN 16 (6): 360-362  
Obesity is a major public health problem in maternity care. The object of this review article is to describe the implications of obesity for labour and delivery, and discuss interventions aimed a preventing peripartum complications in this group of women.

Neumark-Sztainer, Dianne  
"Ready. Set ACTION!" A theater-based obesity prevention program for children: a feasibility study  
Health Education Research  
2009 JUN 24 (3): 407-420  
This study examined the feasibility of implementing an innovative theater-based
after-school program 'Ready. Set. ACTION!' to reach ethnically diverse and low-income children and their parents with obesity prevention messages

Lindhe Soderlund, Lena
Applying motivational interviewing to counselling overweight and obese children
Health Education Research
2009 JUN 24 (3): 442 - 449
The aim of this study was to identify barriers and facilitators to nurses' application of motivational interviewing to counselling overweight and obese children aged 5 and 7 years, accompanied by their parents

Rayner, Geof
Obesity: a question of arts and minds
Health Matters
2009 SUM (76): 13 - 15
Author argues that the focus on individual choice and partnerships with the food industry limit what can be achieved in addressing obesity

Brewster, Andrew
Vascular screening: does BMI measure up?
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 26th 37 (12): 22 - 27
Looks at the limitations of integrating BMI measurement into the vascular programme and the rationale for using waist circumference to target 'metabolic obesity'

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NICE EMPLOYMENT

Paton Nic
NICE absence guidelines: getting sick staff back to work
Occupational Health
2009 MAY 61 (5): 8 - 9
OH experts give their views on how the NICE absence guidelines will affect practitioners

OLDER PEOPLE COMMUNITY CARE

Taylor, Amy
Generation game
Community Care
2009 JUN 25 (1776): 16 - 17
The article describes several examples of good practice in intergenerational work

Taylor, Jennifer
Eat, drink and be healthy: malnutrition on the wards
Health Service Journal
How to ensure that patients health is not jeopardised through lack of attention at meal times

Shepherd, Stuart
Elder care is right up your street
Health Service Journal
The author discusses the benefits that the role of a community geriatrician can bring to the care of the elderly in the community. It specifically highlights the resultant reductions in acute care admissions.

Thain, Jennifer  
Recommended management of syncope in older people  
Prescriber  
2009 JUN 5th  20 (11): 12 - 20  
Describes the various causes of syncope and their recommended management.

Pagan, R  
Part-time work among older workers with disabilities in Europe  
Public Health  
2009 MAY  123 (5): 378 - 383  
Comparison of disabled and non-disabled older part-time employment reveals a need for increased p/t employment opportunities for older disabled people in order to reduce their levels of poverty.

OSTEOPOROSIS FRACTURES LONG TERM CONDITIONS

Thomson, Julia  
Nurses are vital in implementing the osteoporosis care manifesto  
Nursing Times  
2009 JUN 2nd  105 (21): 11 -  
Fracture liaison services and clinical audit are just two areas in which nurses can implement the National Osteoporosis Society manifesto.

Warren, Ed  
Prescribing for osteoporosis  
Practice Nurse  
2009 JUN 12th  37 (11): 15 - 18  
Drug treatment cuts fracture risk, but the guidance on eligibility for investigation, and on who should be prescribed which drugs for the prevention of fragility fractures is complicated.

PATIENT EVALUATION ACTION RESEARCH

Baron, Sue  
Evaluating the patient journey approach to ensure health care is centred on patients  
Nursing Times  
2009 JUN 9th  105 (22): 20 - 21  
An action-research study examines a patient journey model to improve patient-centred care and the collaboration needed for the project's success.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION QUALITY

New guidance shows how trusts can collect and use patient feedback to improve care delivery  
Nursing Times  
2009 JUN 9th  105 (22): 16 -  
This article outlines the main points from Department of Health guidance on using patient feedback to change and develop services to meet patients' needs.
PATIENT SATISFACTION PRIMARY HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Banham, Sarah J
Using a patient-focused approach to improve services in a nurse-led general practice.
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 9th  105 ( 22 ): 17 - 19
A nurse-led general practice has improved service provision, preventative care and patient satisfaction, and avoided unnecessary hospital referrals

PATIENTS EVALUATION CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES RESPIRATORY DISORDERS BLOOD AND IMMUNE DISORDERS

Knight, John
Effects of bedrest 1: cardiovascular, respiratory and haematological systems
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 2nd  105 ( 21 ): 16 - 20
Exploring what happens to processes in the body when a person is confined to bed, and what nurses should look for when monitoring such patients

Goodrich, Joanna
exploring the wide range of terminology used to describe care that is patient-centred
Nursing Times
2009 MAY 26th  105 ( 20 ): 14 - 17
The language that hospital staff use to describe patient care can differ from that found in research and policy documents, so terms must be chosen carefully

Knight, John
Effects of bedrest 2: gastrointestinal, endocrine, renal, reproductive and nervous systems
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 9th  105 ( 22 ): 24 - 27
Exploring what happens to gastrointestinal, endocrine, renal, reproductive and nervous systems, and processes in the body, when a person is confined to bed

POISONING ACCIDENT PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Lesneski, Lisa
Beating a silent killer
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN  23 ( 6 ): 30 - 31
In the United States, carbon monoxide poisoning is the leading cause of accidental death by poisoning. Article gives some pointers as to how the UK can benefit from American experiences

PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS COMMISSIONING FINANCE

Crump, Helen
Best PCTs get franchise on rest
Health Service Journal
PCTs that perform best under world class commissioning, will have lighter touch DH
management, the chance to influence health policy, and the opportunity to take over poorer performing PCTs as franchises

PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL MARKETING HEALTH BEHAVIOUR LIFESTYLE
HEALTH PROMOTION

Lomas, Clare
How to market public health
Nursing Times
2009  JUN 9th     105 ( 22 ): 8 - 10
Just telling people about healthy living may not make them change their behaviours, so the health service is employing social marketing. Article looks at how this idea, with its more hands-on-approach, can encourage people to act on public health messages

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES PATIENTS

Ononeze V
Expanding the value of qualitative theories of illness experience in clinical practice: a grounded theory of secondary heart disease prevention
Health Education Journal
2009  JUN    24 ( 3 ): 357 - 368
Examines how a grounded theory of heart disease experience can inform secondary prevention

REFUGEES CARERS CHILDREN ADOLESCENCE

Tickle, Louise
Lone battles
Community Care
2009  JUN 11th     ( 1774 ): 20 - 21
The Children’s Society has created a toolkit to help services meet the needs of young refugee carers.

RESEARCH THERAPY

Cooper, Mick
Therapy: the evidence about what works
Human Givens
2009     16 ( 2 ): 20 - 23
Looks at the research findings to date about some of the factors associated with positive therapeutic outcomes

Kodikara H and others
Diagnostic accuracy of nitrite dipstick testing for the detection of bacteriuria of pregnancy
Public Health
2009  MAY     123 ( 5 ): 393 - 394
Sri Lankan study shows that while bacteriuria is low, using nitrite dipsticks is effective and accurate and could prevent low birthweight and preterm babies

RESPIRATORY DISORDERS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Spirometry has a key role in the diagnosis and management of respiratory conditions. Use this to test your skills in interpreting spirometry results.

**SCHIZOPHRENIA MENTAL HEALTH NICE**

Sin, Jacqueline
Schizophrenia in adults 1: NICE guidance on detection, assessment and initial management
Nursing Times
2009 MAY 26th 105 (20): 28 - 29
New and updated aspects in NICE guidance on managing schizophrenia in adults include early intervention, medication and cultural sensitivity.

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES DIABETES CHILDREN ADOLESCENCE ALLERGIES**

Thornton, Helen
Type 1 diabetes, part 1: An introduction
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 JUN 4 (5): 223 - 227
With a rise in the incidence of different forms of diabetes in children and young people, it is important for school nurses to understand these conditions. This article provides an overview of type 1 diabetes and its treatment.

Flower, Diane
Epilepsy part 3: Planning for emergencies
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 JUN 4 (5): 229 - 233
Looks at safety issues in school activities for children with epilepsy, seizure triggers, and emergency planning.

**SELF CARE**

Richards, Sara
Self care in practice
Practice Nurse
The Self Care in Practice Movement aims to encourage people to take more responsibility for their own care. Explains the benefits of promoting self care for minor ailments.

**SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR ALCOHOL ADOLESCENCE**

Lavikainen, Hanna M
Sexual behavior and drinking style among teenagers: a population-based study in Finland
Health Promotion International
2009 JUN 24 (2): 108 - 119
A large scale study examining the relationship between an adolescent's sexual...
behavior and drinking style.

SKIN CANCER COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS OLDER PEOPLE

Andrew, Lesley
Skin cancer prevention & detection
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 23 (6): 18 - 24
Discusses the role of community nursing teams in prevention and detection of skin cancer across all sectors of the population.

SKIN DISORDERS OLDER PEOPLE BEST PRACTICE

Wheeler, Tracey
Managing pruritus in the older person
British Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 14 (6): 238 - 244
This article briefly reviews the most common causes and treatments for pruritus. It then focuses on topical management, giving practical tips on skin care that can help to alleviate the condition.

Williams, Liz
Managing dry skin
Practice Nurse
2009 JUN 26th 37 (12): 13 - 16
The use of emollient therapy is vital to reduce discomfort and improve quality of life for patients with dry skin.

Proudfoot, Laura
Psoriasis in children: current approaches to management
Prescriber
2009 JUN 5th 20 (11): 35 - 43
Describes the diagnosis and treatment options for psoriasis.

SMOKING CESSATION HEALTH INEQUALITIES SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Murray, Rachael L
Improving access to smoking cessation services for disadvantaged groups: a systematic review
Journal of Public Health
2009 JUN 31 (2): 258 - 277
Smoking is a main contributor to health inequalities. Identifying strategies to find and support smokers from disadvantaged groups is, therefore, of key importance. A systematic review was carried out of studies identifying and supporting smokers from disadvantaged groups for smoking cessation, and providing and improving their access to smoking-cessation services. Reports on the findings of this review.

Chaplin, Steve
Prioritising stop-smoking services and available treatment options
Prescriber
2009 MAY 19 20 (10): 24 - 28
Following the publication of the NHS Stop Smoking Services: Service and Monitoring Guidance 2009/10, article looks at the groups that need to be targeted,
treatment options and how GPs can use the AAA model for a quicker intervention

Willemsen, G; Boomsma, DI
Multiparous women: a key target population for smoking intervention?
Public Health
2009 MAY 123 ( 5 ): 401 - 402
Using data from the German national registry to identify risk factors for smoking during pregnancy. They concluded that target groups for smoking cessation intervention include women who are young < 20 years of age, single, of low socioeconomic staus and, remakably, who have had two or more pregnancies.

Socioenvironmental Factors Death Mortality Rates Diseases Health Behaviour

Rask, Kimberly
Impact of socioeconomic, behavioral and clinical risk factors on mortality
Journal of Public Health
2009 JUN 31 ( 2 ): 231 - 238
This study investigates the relative contributions of socioeconomic status, behavioral and clinical risk factors on mortality and examines its findings.

Stroke and TIA Communication Disorders Psychosocial Factors Language Disorders

Ross, Sarah
Post-stroke psychological an communication issues
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2009 JUN 03 ( 06 ): 302 - 307
This article describes the development, content and evaluation to date of an in-service, interdisciplinary training programme on psychological and communication problems after stroke

Syme, Paul
Patients with strike of TIA require immediate medical attention
Guidelines in practice
2009 JUN 12 ( 6 ): 29 - 32
Outlines the recommendations in the SIGN guideline on the assessment, investigation, immediate management, and secondary prevention of stroke and TIA

Students Evaluation

Roberts, Velma
A discussion paper on the assessment of student learning outcomes for healthcare management
Health Education Journal
2009 JUN 68 ( 2 ): 140 - 148
The purpose of this paper is to outline how healthcare management faculty can use a learning centred approach to assess student learning outcomes, to discuss how assessment of student learning outcomes can be the most effective way to develop and transfer knowledge to practice, and to recommend implementaiton stategies for practical application in the classroom

Stevens, Christine
Developing activities to help students achieve learning outcomes in practice placements
Nursing Times
2009 JUN 2nd 105 (21): 14 - 15
Outlining the development of an outline structured framework to help student nurses achieve assessment learning outcomes during practice placements

SUBSTANCE MISUSE ADOLESCENCE
Sloboda, Zili
Implementation fidelity: the experience of the Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Study
Health Education Research
2009 JUN 24 (3): 394 - 406
This paper presents the findings for a substudy of an evaluation of newly designed middle and high school substance abuse prevention program, Take Charge of Your Life delivered by local Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer instructors

SUN PROTECTION SKIN DISORDERS VITAMINS & SUPPLEMENTS
O'Connell, Nicola
Is sunshine so bad after all?
Nurse Prescribing
2009 JUN 7 (6): 246 - 248
Discusses the benefits and the risks of sun exposure

TELECARE HOME CARE
Miskelly, Bronagh; Mickel, Andrew
Brave new world
Community Care
2009 JUN 11th (1774): 22 - 24
The futuristic technologies that older people might have read about in their youth are close to reality and might just help many of them live independently for longer. Article considers the promises of telecare and the barriers to implementation

TESTICULAR CANCER SCREENING HEALTH PROMOTION
Cotton, Richard
Like it or lump it: Getting boys to self-examine
British Journal of School Nursing
2009 JUN 4 (5): 245 - 248
The incidence of testicular cancer has been rising over the last four decades. Looks at why it is so important to raise awareness for the condition and teach testicular self-examination

VOLUNTARY WORK QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MANAGEMENT
Voluntary workforce - Volunteers take a little and give a lot
Health Service Journal
Volunteers can improve the patient experience and should be engaged in changes and shown appreciation
WEIGHT MANAGEMENT MEDICINES EVALUATION PATIENT ASSESSMENT

Abbot, David
Exploring the effects of orlistat and guidance on its use to achieve weight loss in patients
Nursing Times
2009 MAY 26th 105 ( 20 ): 24 -
Medicines Management provides essential evidence-based information for nurse prescribers and those involved in administering medicines.

WOMEN'S HEALTH MENSTRUATION EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH

Monaghan, Marie
Dysmenorrhoea: a practical evidence-based approach
Prescriber
2009 JUN 5th 20 ( 11 ): 46 - 51
Dysmenorrhoea is a common condition that can adversely affect a woman's quality of life. Describes how to distinguish primary from secondary dysmenorrhoea and assesses the evidence for the various treatment options.

WORKPLACE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Bullying

Clews, Graham
Mob rule and the enemy within
Health Service Journal
2009 JUN 18 ( ): 18 - 19
The article describes some possible solutions if an individual member of a team is 'picked on' by the other team members

WORLD HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENT

Montgomery, Hugh
The health consequences of climate change
Health Matters
2009 SUM ( 76 ): 6 - 7
A new public health movement is needed that views the health effects of climate change as a global systems issue argues author.

WOUND HEALING MEDICINES

Coulbourn, Anna
Algivon: Manuka honey v complex wounds
Journal of Community Nursing
2009 JUN 23 ( 6 ): 25 - 28
Discusses the use of Algivon dressing in the treatment of complex wounds