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ABUSE; VIOLENCE; WOMEN'S HEALTH; HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Vives-Cases, C and others
The effects of intimate partner violence and other forms of violence against women on health
Journal of Public Health
2011 MAR 33 (1): 15 - 21
The study found that there was a greater likelihood of coronary heart disease, and chronic neck or back pain among women who had experienced intimate partner violence. Similar associations were found in women who experienced other forms of violence, such as the violence perpetrated by male relatives, friends or strangers.

ALLERGIES; NICE; CLINICAL GUIDELINES; CHILDREN

Clarke, Sue
Food allergy in young people and children
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 107 (9): 21 - 21
Food allergies are adverse immune responses to food allergens. This article looks at a new NICE guideline which offers first evidence-based advice on diagnosing and assessing food allergies in children.

ASTHMA; PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; ENVIRONMENT

McMurray, Ann
Asthma part 3: Common misperceptions and stigma
British Journal of School Nursing
2011 MAR 6 (2): 64 - 67
The purpose of this third article is to explore the common misconceptions associated with asthma and to examine the stigma attached to the diagnosis.

ASYLUM SEEKERS; NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE; PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

Redman, Elizabeth A and others
Self-reported health problems of asylum seekers and their understanding of the National Health Service: a pilot study
Public Health
2011 MAR 125 (3): 142 - 144
Study of asylum seekers in an initial accommodation centre in Cardiff revealed misunderstanding of how the NHS worked. Concludes that DH leaflets about the NHS would be able to support information given by caseworkers and prevent the inappropriate use of the ambulance and emergency medical services.
AUTISM; EDUCATION; TEACHING METHODS
Charman, Tony
Improving attainment for pupils with an autism spectrum disorder
British Journal of School Nursing
2011 MAR 6 (2): 89 - 90
The author provides an insight into research that will contribute to a better understanding of these differences and may therefore help adapt teaching to make it more accessible.

BREAST FEEDING; MATERNITY SERVICES
Surtess, A; Kellenher, D
Maternity focus: techniques to support breastfeeding
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2011 MAR 5 (3): 134 - 136
This article describes the breastfeeding toolbox used in the maternity wing of the University College of London Hospitals. It provides a checklist to support breastfeeding, including initiation, maintenance and ongoing care.

CANCER; GENERAL PRACTITIONERS; DIAGNOSIS
Ringrose, Tim
Diagnostics. Accelerated route to cancer care
Health Service Journal
2011 MAR 10 (): 26 - 27
GP's ability to refer patients for diagnostic tests will reduce time for diagnosis, and referrals to secondary care will be more appropriate and timely.

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES; HEART FAILURE
Bostock, Beverley
Understanding heart failure
Practice Nurse
2011 MAR 11 41 (41): 12 - 16
This article looks at understanding how the heart works, including the role of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system and the sympathetic nervous system.

Westerby, Ruth; Cotterell, Chris
An update on atrial fibrillation
Practice Nurse
2011 MAR 25th 41 (5): 37 - 43
Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common sustained heart rhythm disorder. Guidelines for diagnosing and treating and classification of AF are described.

CARE PATHWAYS; QUALITY; OLDER PEOPLE
Horton, Sandra
Improving quality in care homes using an electronic tool.
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 15 107 (10): 19 - 21
This article looks at way of improving healthcare in care homes with an electronic tool.
CATHETERS; INJURIES; MEN'S HEALTH

Evans, Guy and others
Reducing the risk of traumatic hypospadias
Journal of Community Nursing
2011 MAR 25 (2): 26 - 27
Uses two case studies to discuss how practitioners may reduce the risk of hypospadias in catheterised patients.

CHILD CARE; FAMILIES; CARERS

Griffiths, Julie
A template for good outcomes
Community Care
2011 FEB 17th (1853): 20 - 21
The potential benefits of kinship care for children who have been removed from their parents are numerous including continuity of relationships, a sense of security and belonging, less stigma and fewer placements. To help overcome the challenges involved for both councils and family care members who come forward to offer care the Family Rights Group developed a template for assessing family and friends carers.

CHILD HEALTH SERVICES; PUBLIC HEALTH

Higgs, Lauren
Health and wellbeing boards offer hope for joined-up services
Children & Young People Now
2011 MAR 8(): 12 - 13
This article looks at health and wellbeing boards as the next step for joined-up children’s services.

Hewitt, Kevin
Running towards a happier future
Health Service Journal
2011 MAR 17(): 20 - 22
Explains the complex reprocurement set out to help children and families benefit from an integrated community services

CHILD NUTRITION; SMOKING; PARENTS

Fitzpatrick, Michael
What’s wrong with fry-ups and fags
Community Care
2011 MAR 02 (1851): 21 - 21
Discusses the harmful effects of parents who smoke, and those who feed their children unhealthy food

CHILD PROTECTION

Selby, Mary
Child protection and safeguarding
Practice Nurse
This article looks at how to identify children at risk, be aware of warning signs and behaviour patterns of abuse.

**CHILDREN; SURE START; SOCIAL SERVICES**

Higgs, Laura
Is Every Child Matters defunct?
Children & Young People Now
2011 MAR 22 ( ): 18 - 20
Explains why the founding values of Every Child Matters (ECM) may endure despite the new government's vision of localism. Includes an update on ECM reforms

Mitchell, Ed
New Children Act: are you ready?
Community Care
2011 FEB 22nd ( 1852 ): 18 - 18
This article looks at the top 10 changes for which authorities now need to prepare, stemming from the Children & Young Persons Act 2008 whose changes come into effect in England on 1 April 2011.

**CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE; LONG TERM CONDITIONS; SELF CARE; ARTS**

Fraser, J
Drawing breath: promoting meaning and self-management in COPD
British Journal of Community Nursing
2011 16 ( 2 ): 58 - 65
The prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is rising and its associated cost to the NHS is not sustainable. Health policy supports the promotion of self-management programmes for long-term conditions, which build on a person's strengths, interests and preferences. This article presents an account of how one individual with COPD was able to harness her artistic skills and health interests, both to manage her own condition and also to contribute more broadly to health promotion and COPD prevention.

Gupta, James; Gupta, Andrea
Improving outcomes for COPD patients in primary care through joint working
Guidelines in practice
2011 MAR 14 ( 3 ): 27 - 34
Authors of this article give a personal account of how a joint working initiative has improved patient care, nurses' understanding of the disease, and prescribing costs in COPD

Barnett, Margaret
COPD: Implementing NICE guidance
Journal of Community Nursing
2011 MAR 25 ( 2 ): 4 - 14
Summarises the 2004 and the new 2010 NICE guidance for the management of COPD

Nacul, L and others
COPD in England: a comparison of expected, model-based prevalence and observed prevalence from general practice data.
The study found that underdiagnosis was more prevalent in urban areas, and is particularly severe in London.

CIRCULATORY DISEASES

Mawdsley, Anne
Raynaud's phenomenon: what can be done for patients?
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2011 MAR 5 (3): 130 - 133
Raynaud's phenomenon is a very common medical condition that describes an increased sensitivity of the blood vessels to cold or stress. This article looks at medications that can improve Raynaud's.

COMMISSIONING; NURSES; LONG TERM CONDITIONS

Santry, Charlotte
Surge in referrals to nurse specialists
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 29 107 (12): 2 - 3
Despite an increase in outpatients at specialist nurse clinics, their roles appear to be under threat.

COMPLAINTS; OLDER PEOPLE; PATIENTS' RIGHTS; DIGNITY

Health Service Ombudsman
What can we learn from the ombudsman?
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 1st 107 (8): 12 - 15
The health service ombudsman has published a damning report on failures to care for older patients. Experts comment on how nursing should respond.

CONFIDENTIALITY; RISK ASSESSMENT; RISK MANAGEMENT

Young, A; Woodcock, R
Information and evaluation in violence risk assessments
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2011 MAR 5 (3): 137 - 140
Parts one and two of this series focused on the process and principles of violence risk assessments in forensic mental health practice. Part three considers the difficult issue of sourcing information, putting the pieces of the risk jigsaw together and evaluating risk.

DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES; SELF CARE; QUALITY OF LIFE

McClurg, Doreen; Lowe-Strong, Andrea
Does abdominal massage relieve constipation?
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 29 107 (12): 20 - 22
Abdominal massage appears to relieve constipation, reduce discomfort, and improve patient quality of life. It is time consuming, but patients and carers can be taught to undertake it themselves.
Ness, Wendy
Assessing and treating people with bowel dysfunction
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 29 107 (12): 24 - 24
Advises on safe, effective care and when to contact a specialist nurse

Prynn, Phil
Juvenile idiopathic constipation
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 29 107 (12): 26 - 28
Covers the causes, diagnosis, and management; and recommends regular follow-up to prevent relapses

CONTINENCE; NICE INFECTION CONTROL

Yates, Ann
Faecal incontinence: a joint approach to guideline development
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 29 107 (12): 12 - 14
Covers the prevalence and effects of faecal incontinence, management systems, and guidelines for the appropriate use of management systems

DEHYDRATION

McMillen, R; Pitcher, B
The balancing act: body fluids and protecting patient health
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2011 MAR 5 (3): 117 - 121
This article provides an overview of the mechanisms of fluid intake and output in the body and the implications of dehydration and overhydration. The assessment of fluid balance and use of fluid balance charts is also discussed

DEMENTIA; NICE; CARERS

Anderson, David; Jehaanandan, Nadarajah
Early diagnosis will help GPs attain the quality standard for dementia
Guidelines in practice
2011 FEB 14 (2): 39 - 45
Outlines the NICE quality statements for dementia and the necessary measures to achieve them

Heijmen, Peter; Manthorp, Christopher
Design for dementia care: international models
Journal of Dementia Care
2011 MAR 19 (2): 20 - 22
This article looks at various designs and environments for dementia care.

Ward, Campbell & others
Remember the body: promoting physical health in dementia care
Journal of Dementia Care
2011 MAR 19 (2): 26 - 29
In the article outlines the benefits as well as the challenges associated with health promotion for people with dementia and their carers.

Nightingale, Daniel
Montessori success for people living with dementia.
Journal of Dementia Care
2011  MAR  19 ( 2 ): 37 - 38
The author reports on a pilot study to evaluate the individual transfer of skills from Montessori activities to a positive and enhanced dining experience.

DIABETES

Mongin-Bulewski, Carole
Insulin Pump therapy: closing the inequality gap
Nurse Prescribing
2011  MAR  9 ( 3 ): 110 - 113
This article looks at the effects of where you live in connection with the allocation of insulin pumps.

Hill, Jill
Diabetes monitoring: risk factors, complications and management
Nurse Prescribing
2011  MAR  9 ( 3 ): 122 - 130
This article looks at what management and additional treatments are required to treat this common but complex condition.

Sterne, Logan & others
Factors affecting attendance at postpartum diabetes screening in women with gestational diabetes mellitus.
Practical Diabetes International
2011  MAR  28 ( 2 ): 64 - 68
This study was a cross-sectional telephone survey of Australian women diagnosed with GDM in a Queensland hospital during the period July 2006 to June 2007.

Brooks, Voon Chong & others
The work of a dedicated inpatient diabetes care team in a district general hospital.
Practical Diabetes International
2011  MAR  28 ( 2 ): 70 - 72
In this article the authors describe the work of a multidisciplinary inpatient diabetes care team in a 400 bed district general hospital over a 4 year period.

Pinkney, J
The surgical panacea for diabetes: time for diabetologists to discriminate facts from fiction and flights of fantasy.
Practical Diabetes International
2011  MAR  28 ( 2 ): 76 - 80
Bariatric surgery is an important treatment for obesity. This article looks at the facts.

Gadsby, Roger
A tricky case: glucose-lowering therapy
Practice Nurse
2011  MAR  41 ( 4 ): 17 - 20
The author describes the case of an overweight woman with diabetes who lives alone, and has angina and mobility problems. He asks whether she needs additional glucose-lowering therapy, and, if so which therapy is the most appropriate in her situation.

**DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES; MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; COMMUNITY NURSING**

Slater, Rebecca C  
Supporting patients with enterocutaneous fistula: from hospital to home  
British Journal of Community Nursing  
2011 16 (2): 66 - 73  
The aim of this article is to discuss the care of patients with enterocutaneous fistula (ECF) requiring long-term support in the community. This article focuses on the management of ECF appliances and gives a basic guide of skin care and how to reduce the prevalence of appliance leaks.

**DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES; MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; COMMUNITY NURSING**

Kyle, Gaye  
Digital rectal examination  
Nursing Times  
2011 MAR 29 107 (12): 18 - 19  
Gives 5 key points to consider, the equipment needed and which patients require special care

**DISABILITIES; HEALTH INEQUALITIES; DISCRIMINATION**

Emerson, Eric and others  
The health of disabled people and the social determinants of health  
Public Health  
2011 MAR 125 (3): 145 - 147  
Explains how disability is itself socially determined; and specific actions at entry points such as effective education, access to employment, social marketing to promote positive attitudes, reducing vulnerability and equal access to healthcare is essential in order to reduce health inequalities

**EAR DISORDERS; DIAGNOSIS**

Benge, Sarah; Williamson, Ian  
Hearing impairments part 1: An overview of glue ear  
British Journal of School Nursing  
2011 MAR 6 (2): 69 - 72  
This article looks at the current and future management to provide better management of glue ear.

**END OF LIFE CARE; PALLIATIVE CARE; CARERS; FAMILIES**

Newbury, Jenny  
The drama of end of life care at home  
Nursing Times  
2011 MAR 22nd 107 (11): 20 - 23  
Many terminally ill patients want to die at home. Family carers are fundamental to achieving this, but often feel anxious and unprepared for the role. This article explores the experiences of carers of patients dying at home, in particular their expectations and preparedness for the dying process.
EPILEPSY; MEDICINES; NURSE PRESCRIBERS

Lewis, Sheila
Advances in epilepsy management: the role of the specialist nurse
Nurse Prescribing
2011 MAR 9 (3): 131 - 135
This article reviews some aspects of the current guidelines, and the latest advancements in firstline antiepileptic drug options for newly diagnosed epilepsy.

Warren, Ed
A QOF perspective on epilepsy
Practice Nurse
2011 MAR 25th 41 (5): 19 - 21
The Quality and Outcomes Framework highlights key areas where nurses involved in epilepsy clinics can attain the practice's targets, but it is possible to improve epilepsy care over and above the QOF requirements

EVALUATION; LONG TERM CONDITIONS; DISTRICT NURSES

Aldridge-Bent, Sharon
Advanced physical assessment skills: implementation of a module
British Journal of Community Nursing
2011 16 (2): 84 - 89
This article aims to explore and examine advanced physical assessment skills and the role of the district nurse. It will particularly highlight district nurses' perceptions of how they may implement skills learnt on a new module introduced into the Community Health Care Nursing degree at a university in London.

EVIDENCE BASED HEALTH; PERFORMANCE

Taylor, Jennifer
But can you back it up?
Health Service Journal
2011 MAR 3 (): 29 - 34
A quality observatory in Sussex puts allegedly brilliant interventions through the wringer and acts as impartial judge of whether new ones are worth rolling out.

FAMILY SUPPORT; CHILDREN

Griffiths, Jule
Children good practice family support
Community Care
2011 FEB 22nd (1852): 20 - 21
An intervention project in Westminster is helping families who might otherwise have had their children placed in the care system.

FLU; PUBLIC HEALTH; HEALTH POLICY

Balasegaram S and others
From containment to community: Trigger points from the London pandemic (H1N1)
2009 influenza incident response
Analysis of the data reported to the London Flu Response Centre illustrates how available data may be utilised to modify regional responses and optimise the local public health response.

**GENERAL PRACTICE; COMMISSIONING**

Santry, Charlotte; Calkin, Sarah
Commissioners halt soaring referrals
Health Service Journal
2011 MAR 24 ( ): 4 - 5
This article looks at the significant slowdown in growth of outpatient appointments as referral management takes effect.

**GP COMMISSIONING; HEALTH OUTCOMES; PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS**

Perigo, Gina; Callaghan, Steve
The outcome strategic map can support the commissioning process
Guidelines in practice
2011 FEB 14 ( 2 ): 46 - 50
Outlines the concept of the outcome strategic map and how it has been used within a PCT in the delivery of positive health outcomes.

**HEADACHES; MIGRAINE; MEDICINES**

Wood, Sarah
Primary headache disorders
Practice Nurse
2011 MAR 25th 41 ( 5 ): 12 - 17
Most primary headaches can be managed in general practice with a combination of drug treatments and lifestyle measures, such as trigger identification and management.

**HEALTH BEHAVIOUR; CERVICAL CANCER; PATIENT INFORMATION**

Metcalfe, D and others
Media coverage and public reaction to a celebrity cancer diagnosis
Journal of Public Health
2011 MAR 33 ( 1 ): 80 - 85
The authors analysed the media coverage that accompanied Jade Goody's diagnosis of cervical cancer. They found that the articles with a public health message emphasised secondary prevention (screening) rather than primary prevention (vaccination, numbers of sexual partners, smoking and condom use).

**HEALTH ECONOMICS; NEEDS ASSESSMENT; OLDER PEOPLE**

Caley, M; Sidhu, K
Estimating the future healthcare costs of an aging population in the UK: expansion of morbidity and the need for preventative care
Journal of Public Health
2011 MAR 33 ( 1 ): 117 - 122
The article evaluated different models for estimating future healthcare costs due to
an ageing population and found that the 3 models studied gave markedly different estimated costs.

**HEALTH EDUCATION; HEALTH OUTCOMES; FINANCE**

Phillip, Jim
Self-management. Thinking big for a healthy society
Health Service Journal
2011 MAR 10 ( ): 24 - 25
Illustrates how the wider social benefits of patient health education can be measured

**HEALTH INTERVENTIONS; EXERCISE AND SPORT; SCHOOLS**

Lindgren, Eva-Carin and others
Impact of a six-month empowerment-based exercise intervention programme in non-physically active adolescent Swedish girls
Health Education Journal
2011 MAR 70 ( 1 ): 9 - 20
Study found that an exercise intervention programme empowered the girls and developed their ability to deal with stressful situations

Lloyd, Susan and others
A tale of two locations: Healthy eating on a restricted income
Health Education Journal
2011 MAR 70 ( 1 ): 48 - 56
Looked at the availability and affordability of healthy food, and found that travel costs need to be considered if healthy food is not available locally; therefore interventions need to be appropriate for a local area to succeed

**HEALTH PROMOTION; HEALTH AND SAFETY; RESEARCH**

Moore, Ann and others
Managers' understanding of workplace health promotion within small and medium-sized enterprises: A phenomenological study
Health Education Journal
2011 MAR 70 ( 1 ): 92 - 101
Study undertaken in Northern Ireland found that a change of mindset from simply risk reduction to an integrated approach was necessary for the development of workplace health promotion

**HEART FAILURE; LONG TERM CONDITIONS; QUALITY OF LIFE; MEDICINES**

Bostock, Beverley
Drug treatments for heart failure
Practice Nurse
2011 MAR 25th 41 ( 5 ): 22 - 26
Treating heart failure can be a careful balancing act at the best of times. The aim is to improve quality of life by minimizing symptoms, while at the same time improving mortality rates by slowing the progression of the disease.
HIV & AIDS; SEXUAL HEALTH; DIAGNOSIS

Jones, Martin
Diagnosing and treating HIV infection
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 22nd 107 (11): 12 - 14
In the past, HIV infection was regarded as synonymous with AIDS, but it is increasingly viewed as a long-term, treatable condition. This article identifies the main changes in diagnosing and treating HIV infection since testing was introduced in the UK 25 years ago.

Lewis, Rachel
Stamping out stigma in HIV
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 22nd 107 (11): 16 - 17
Despite significant developments in the treatment of HIV infection, it is still heavily stigmatised. This article discusses why this is so, what can be done to help change negative attitudes towards people with HIV, and how nurses can help reduce stigma.

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE; REHABILITATION; PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Dunning, Jeremy
A cure for bed blocking
Community Care
2011 FEB 22nd 1852: 22 - 24
Health and social care services have joined forces in Portsmouth to ensure that patients experience minimal delay before being rehabilitated outside hospital.

HOSPITALS; CHILDREN; ARTS; EMOTIONS

Nyman KR and others
Human figure drawings by children in hospital and mainstream schools
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2011 49 (1): 21 - 26
Children put significantly more Emotional Indicators in the drawing of their best friend than in the drawing of themselves in longer stays in hospitals, compared to short stays or mainstream schools.

IMMUNISATION; CHILDREN; PARENTS

Shan, Yaso
Strategies to improve vaccination uptake rates
Primary Health Care
2011 MAR 21 (2): 16 - 21
Examines parental and health professional attitudes to the triple MMR vaccine and argues for a consistent approach to recover vaccination rates to their previously high level.

INFANT NUTRITION; CHILD HEATH SERVICES

Elliott, C D
Sweet and salty: nutritional content and analysis of baby and toddler foods
Journal of Public Health
The article suggested that baby foods should be more closely monitored for their sodium and sugar content as they are capable of promoting a taste for 'sweet' and 'salty' foods in young children.

**INFECTION CONTROL; HOSPITAL DISCHARGE; WOUND HEALING**

Tanner, Davey & others
Surveillance of surgical sites in primary care
Nursing Times
2011  MAR  8  107 ( 9 ): 12 - 14
This article describes the development of a surveillance programme and offers advice on setting up such programmes.

**INJURIES; HEALTH AND SAFETY; RESEARCH**

Guidotti, TL and others
The Fort McMurray Demonstration Project in Social Marketing: Self-reported safety-related health behaviours following a combined community and workplace intervention
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2011  49 ( 1 ): 16 - 20
Comparison of data from 1992 and 1995 revealed little change. Suggests a different model for future community-level interventions for improved compliance and further reductions in injuries.

**INTERMEDIATE CARE; HOSPITAL DISCHARGE**

Dent, Emma
In and out and getting about
Health Service Journal
2011  MAR  3  ( ): 26 - 27
This article looks at the British Red Cross's Care in the Home schemes and how they enable people to return home from hospital sooner.

**KIDNEY DISEASES; BLOOD, IMMUNE DISORDERS; NICE**

Ackland, Penny
Aspirational range for haemoglobin level in anaemia of CKD revised
Guidelines in practice
2011  MAR  14 ( 3 ): 14 - 24
Article discusses how trial evidence has led NICE to update the intervention and target haemoglobin levels for people with chronic kidney disease-related anemia.

**LESBIANS; GAY MEN; GENDER**

Burrows, George
Sexual Health
Practice Nurse
This article looks at gender identity and not to make assumptions.
LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN; CHILD ABUSE

Carson, Gordon
Giving children a helping hand
Community Care
2011 FEB 17th (1853): 17 - 18
Independent reviewing officers are to be given more responsibilities but debate rages about how the cuts and the Munro review might affect their role.

Dixon, Jo
How the care system could be improved
Community Care
2011 FEB 17th (1853): 32 - 33
Think-tank Demos has conducted an exhaustive study of the care system for children.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; ASTHMA; CHRONIC AIRWAYS DISEASE

Pearce, Linda
How to teach inhaler technique
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 1st 107 (8): 16 - 17
When individuals are first prescribed inhaled medication it is essential to teach them about the correct use for their inhaler to ensure optimal drug delivery.

MEDICINES; CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

Sargent, Andrew
Prescribing calcium channel blockers
Nurse Prescribing
2011 MAR 9 (3): 137 - 142
This paper examines the role of calcium channel blocker (CCBs) and the various modes of action of each of the sub-types of CCBs. CCBs can be prescribed in a variety of cardiovascular disorders, and the selectivity of each type of CCB will be discussed.

Thomas, Ruth; Kilbey Thomas R
Complex medicines management
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 1st 107 (8): 20 - 22
Patients with one or more long-term conditions often take multiple prescribed medications. A joint approach to drug management improved quality and cut costs.

Verrue, Charlotte
Is splitting tablets dangerous?
Nursing Times
2011 MAR 1st 107 (8): 23 - 23
This study examined the different methods of tablet splitting to establish which one was likely to be most accurate.

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION; SCHOOLS; PREJUDICE
Lovett, L and others  
Children's views on mental illness  
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education  
2011     49 ( 1 ): 4 - 8  
Study revealed that UK anti stigma campaigns have not influenced children's views on mental illness, and explains how mental health promotion and information to dispel misconceptions could be used in discussions in schools

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; HOME CARE; HOSPITALS

Hunt, Louise  
Home-grown recovery  
Community Care  
2011 MAR 02 ( 1851 ): 26 - 27  
How a Scottish intensive home treatment team provides a 24 hour home support service as an alternative to hospital admission for people with mental health problems

NURSE PRESCRIBERS; MEDICINES; PAEDIATRICS

Eggleton, Alison, G  
Answers to article on Page 114  
Nurse Prescribing  
2011 MAR 9 ( 3 ): 151 - 151  
This article gives the answers to the calculation skills shown on page 114

Greener, Mark  
The tragedy of congenital abnormalities  
Nurse Prescribing  
2011 MAR 9 ( 3 ): 117 - 121  
This article looks at how nurses can help prevent some common birth defects.

NURSES; CANCER

Young, Annie  
A special case for development  
Health Service Journal  
2011 MAR 24 ( ): 28 - 29  
Clinical nurse specialists bring a high degree of clinical expertise, innovation, leadership and continuity of care. This article looks at the benefits of expanding these nurse specialist roles.

Stephenson, Jo  
No excuse for 'never events'  
Nursing Times  
2011 MAR 1st 107 ( 8 ): 2 - 3  
Health secretary Andrew Lansley has issued a stark message to nurses that he would not tolerate excuses from those who blamed life-threatening mistakes on understaffing and being overstretched.

OBESITY; LIFESTYLE; EXERCISE AND SPORT

Richards, Sara
Weight management through the development of a healthy lifestyle
Primary Health Care
2011 MAR 21 (2): 22 - 24
How healthcare professionals can help adults to manage their weight through a change in lifestyle

Han, E; Powell LM
Effect of food prices on the prevalence of obesity among young adults
Public Health
2011 MAR 125 (3): 129 - 135
American study of surveys (1992-2003) imply that characteristics such as working status, marital status and school enrolment status may over-ride the effect of food prices for young adults

Sturm, R; Datar A
Regional price differences and food consumption frequency among elementary school children
Public Health
2011 MAR 125 (3): 136 - 141
US study found that lower vegetable and fruit prices predict higher intake, higher dairy prices predict lower milk consumption, while higher meat prices predict increased milk consumption. Similar price effects were not found for fast food or soft drink consumption

OSTEOPATHY; HEALTH GAIN; OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY; EMPOWERMENT

Walker, Jennie
Effective management strategies for osteoarthritis
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2011 MAR 5 (3): 123 - 128
This article looks at ways to manage osteoarthritis.

OSTEOPOROSIS; VITAMINS & SUPPLEMENTS

Nazarko, Linda
Silent epidemic: helping patients live with osteoporosis
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
2011 MAR 5 (3): 111 - 116
Osteoporosis is a silent epidemic that causes bones to fracture. It can cause disability, ensure sufferers must live in a care home and even lead to death. This article explains how osteoporosis affects a person, discusses how it can be prevented and outlines treatments available.

PAEDIATRICS; MEDICINES; EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE; NURSE PRESCRIBERS

Eggleton, Alison, G
Calculation skills for nurses: paediatrics
Nurse Prescribing
2011 MAR 9 (3): 114 - 115
This is the second article in the series featuring calculation skills for nurse prescribers. The topic for this 2nd installment is paediatrics.
PAIN; HEALTH BEHAVIOUR; QUALITY OF LIFE

Cornally, N; McCarthy, G
Help seeking behaviour for the treatment of chronic pain
British Journal of Community Nursing
2011 16 (2): 90-98
There are more people living with chronic pain than cardiovascular disease and cancer combined. Many people with chronic pain do not seek help from health professionals and suffer in silence for many years. The aim of this review is to determine the factors associated with help-seeking for chronic pain in an effort to highlight potential reasons why help may or may not be sought.

PATIENT CHOICE; EDUCATION; DIABETES

Clark, Bilbie, & others
What do patients prefer: insulin pumps or multiple daily injections and structured education.
Practical Diabetes International
2011 MAR 2 (28): 73-75
This article looks at what the patients prefer: insulin pumps or multiple daily injections.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT; GENERAL PRACTICE

QOF clinical indicators 2009/10: summary tables
Guidelines in practice
2011 MAR 14 (3): 55-61
Summary tables of the quality and outcomes framework (QOF) of GMS contract 2009/10 which came into effect on 1 April 2009.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; OLDER PEOPLE; RESEARCH

Sidman CL
Meeting physical activity goals: A case study of an active older adult
International Journal of Health Promotion and Education
2011 49 (1): 27-32
American study concludes that realistic goal setting practices are important but should not be a deterrent. Opportunities to meet physical activity goals in other ways than time and steps ought to be considered especially for older people.

PRESCRIPTIONS; NURSE PRESCRIBERS; PHARMACISTS

Courtenay, Molly
Non-medical prescribing: the future
Primary Health Care
2011 MAR 21 (2): 29-29
Urges commissioners to ensure that prescribing powers for nurses and supplementary prescribers are enhanced.

PREVENTION; CHILDHOOD DISEASES

Watkins, Jean
Mumps: an overview of the diagnosis and complications
This article looks at the importance of school nurses being aware that mumps is a notifiable disease and that they are aware of its presentation.

PUBLIC HEALTH; INEQUALITIES; WELLBEING

Hussey, Ruth; Stansfield, Jude
Drawing new life from the 'well'
Health Service Journal
2011 MAR 3 ( ): 20 - 22
A call to action in the North West for a new dimension of public health thinking places 'wellness' of the individual at its heart, the authors explain.

Atenstaedt, RL; Jones S
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Primary Health Care
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SMOKING; NUTRITION; RESEARCH
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SMOKING CESSATION; HEALTH INEQUALITIES; RESEARCH

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What factors are important in smoking cessation amongst deprived communities
Health Education Journal
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Higgs, Lauren
Personal budgets will test local authorities
Children & Young People Now
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Building bridges to improvement
Health Service Journal
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Data Check Teenage Pregnancy
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This article shows how teenage pregnancy has fallen to its lowest levels in 30 years

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Karim F and others
Community perceptions of tuberculosis: a qualitative exploration from a gender perspective
Public Health
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Should nurses restrain violent and aggressive patients?
Nursing Times
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Why nurses need to unwind from work
Nursing Times
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WOUND HEALING; CANCER; PATIENTS

Watret, Lynne
Management of a fungating wound
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