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News

Stem-Cell Biology Moves Closer to Becoming Stem-Cell Medicine . . .

March 11, 2009 Journal Watch,

For a topic to be a Journal Watch Top Story in 2 successive years is unusual,

but that is the case with stem cells. [http://general-](http://general-medicine.jwatch.org/cgi/content/full/2008/1229/14)

[medicine.jwatch.org/cgi/content/full/2008/1229/14](http://general-medicine.jwatch.org/cgi/content/full/2008/1229/14)

Illinois Law Requiring Officials To Report Identities Of HIV-Positive Students Could Be Amended

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 4:00 PST

A lawmaker in Illinois has proposed a bill (H.B. 0154) to amend a current statute that requires state or local health officials to report the names of HIV-positive students to school principals, the Daily Journal reports.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140527.php>

An AIDS doctor with ties to the Coachella Valley faces up to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty this week to federal charges of health care fraud for giving AIDS, HIV and hepatitis patients diluted medications.

Marcel Honoré • The Desert Sun • February 27, 2009

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090227/NEWS0802/902270312/1006/NEWS01AIDS>

Service Scheme And Priority National Health Setting

The Tide, Nigeria - Feb. 25, 2009 by: Daniel S. Greenberg.

The nasty secret of health care economics is that a lot done for patients is useless or dangerous and costly, and that much that could help them at relatively low cost, isn't done.

<http://www.thetidenews.com/article.aspx?qrDate=02/25/2009&qrTitle=National%20Health%20Service%20Scheme%20And%20Priority%20Setting&qrColumn=FEATURES>

Hepatitis B immunization in India from April 1: Ramadoss

Thaindian.com, Thailand -

New Delhi, Feb 25 (IANS) The central government Wednesday urged states to launch a mass awareness and immunisation campaign starting April 1 following 46 ... http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/hepatitis-b-immunisation-in-india-from-april-1-ramadoss_100159661.html

Compensation calls for tainted blood victims

ABC Online - Australia PM - Tuesday, 24 February, 2009 18:38:00

Reporter: Barbara Miller

MARK COLVIN: Social rights campaigners are renewing calls for compensation to Australians who caught Hepatitis C from blood transfusions. ...

<http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2008/s2500292.htm>

Hepatitis outbreaks blamed on clinicians

Cortlandt Forum, NY - Feb 24, 2009

Sloppy clinical practices caused 33 outbreaks of hepatitis B (HBV) or hepatitis C (HCV) in the past decade, the CDC reports after its first full-scale ...

<http://www.cortlandtforum.com/Hepatitis-outbreaks-blamed-on-clinicians/article/127764/>

Man with hepatitis sentenced for spitting at officer

February 24, 2009

By Amy Womack

<http://www.macon.com/198/story/629763.html>

Nevada bills aimed at preventing new hepatitis C outbreak

AABB SmartBrief | 02/24/2009

<http://www.smartbrief.com/news/aabb/storyDetails.jsp?issueid=66ED2699-42D3-4831-97FD-5A0CA3D8CC34©id=92A385BD-AFC9-4A56-A68C-4390B60FBFCB>

Hepatitis - In HIV's Long Shadow

Desicritics.org, India - Feb 22, 2009

The story of the hepatitis B outbreak in Gujarat has not received the attention it deserves. More so because Hepatitis B is not the typical jaundice that ...

<http://desicritics.org/2009/02/22/060615.php>

State Seeks New Laws following Hepatitis Outbreak Panel

February 22, 2009 11:13AM PST

<http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=9884708>

Doctors Arrested for Hepatitis B Outbreak

Prensa Latina, Cuba - Feb 22, 2009

New Delhi, 22 Feb (PL) One of the seven doctors arrested in the Indian state of Gujarat because of their negligence in handling a mortal hepatitis B ...

[http://www.plenglish.com/article.asp?ID=%7BBE48E9C7-D8B9-4403-9A1D-8DCD5BAE95F0%7D\)&language=EN](http://www.plenglish.com/article.asp?ID=%7BBE48E9C7-D8B9-4403-9A1D-8DCD5BAE95F0%7D)&language=EN)

Prevention/Education

Needle numbers shoot up

City recovers 507,692 syringes used by addicts in 2008, up from 300,000 collected in previous year

By Derek Puddicombe

Ottawa Sun

March 2, 2009

<http://www.ottawasun.com/News/OttawaAndRegion/2009/03/02/8584221-sun.html>

Vietnamese Program Aims To Involve Society In HIV Prevention Efforts

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 5:00 PST

A new Web site aimed at providing HIV-positive people with a forum to share information with each other and the community launched last week in Vietnam as part of a project that aims to increase society's overall involvement in the country's fight against HIV/AIDS, the VNA/TMCNet reports.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140532.php>

Police bust used syringe racket

Melbourne Herald Sun - Feb 25, 2009

POLICE have reportedly arrested the kingpin of a used syringe racket in India that has been blamed for an outbreak of hepatitis B in which 48 people died. ...

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,25110638-23109,00.html>

Hepatitis - B outbreak: Tragedy of neglect

NDTV.com, India - Feb 23, 2009

The hepatitis outbreak has seen medical teams rush to Gujarat. But, rural areas are being completely neglected, increasing the threat of death. ...

<http://www.ndtv.com/convergence/ndtv/story.aspx?id=NEWEN20090084607>

Mass vaccination drive launched in Hepatitis-hit Modasa

SamayLive, India - Feb 23, 2009

Ahmedabad, Feb 23 : A mass vaccination drive claimed to be the largest in the world was launched today in Sabarkantha district in the epicentre of the ...

<http://www.samaylive.com/news/mass-vaccination-drive-launched-in-hepatitishit-modasa/610281.html>

On the first day of massive drive against Hepatitis B in the Sabarkantha district of north Gujarat, 55857 people were vaccinated on Monday, the first day. ... Gujarat Global.com, India - 23, 2009 Feb

<http://www.gujaratglobal.com/nextSub.php?id=4758&catype=NEWS>

Doctors held over hepatitis deaths

The Press Association - Feb 22, 2009

Authorities in western India have arrested eight doctors after a hepatitis B outbreak killed at least 36 people. At least 100 others in the Modasa district ...

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5g29tQIR3Aol0Ttj_jR-R90_GzGteg

Six Lakh Doses of Anti-Hepatitis-B Vaccines Flown to Sabarkantha

Submitted by Piyush Diwan on Sun, 02/22/2009 - 20:08.

The officials said the number of hepatitis cases reported in Sabarkantha has gone up to 77 and 41 people have lost their lives in Modasa district alone with 113 cases registered since the outbreak of the disease. More than 50 people are said to be undergoing treatment at various hospitals in the district.

<http://www.topnews.in/six-lakh-doses-antihepatitisb-vaccines-flown-sabarkantha-2129174>

Lawmakers in the State of Washington May Pass Health Standards for Body Piercings . . . The Seattle Times, February 16, 2009, By Chantal

Anderson [http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/cgi-](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/cgi-bin/PrintStory.pl?document_id=2008748296&zsection_id=2003956730&slug=piercingreg16m&date=20090216)

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Global Creative Competition

Feb. 9 - The World Hepatitis Alliance is calling on creative people around the globe to take part in the first creative competition for World Hepatitis Day on May 19, 2009. <http://www.aminumber12.org/Competition.aspx>

PKIDS Launches New Website for Girls

Feb. 9 - Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases created a new website called "Pirls", where girls ages 11 to 15 can listen to music, play games and learn about vaccine-preventable diseases. <http://www.pirls.pkids.org/>

Mistake at Texas Army Hospital Puts Thousands at Risk . . . Derek Shore-KFOX News Reporter

Posted: 5:35 pm MST February 5, 2009 William Beaumont Army Medical Center announced that 2,114 diabetic patients treated at the hospital may be at risk for contracting blood-borne illnesses.

<http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/18652368/detail.html>

1. HBV transmission in healthcare settings and safety devices

Vincenzo Puro, Simone Lanini (3 February 2009)

2. Opening our eyes to Healthcare Associated Hepatitis

Connie R Deline (22 January 2009)

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/eletters/150/1/33#112224>

Court Allows Jury to Decide if Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion Applies for Chronic Hepatitis B Patient January 21, 2009 Byung Kim and Yong Kim v. Time Insurance Co., No. 4:07-cv-4201 (S.D. Tex. December 22, 2008).

http://lawandinsurance.typepad.com/law_and_insurance/2009/01/court-allows-jury-to-decide-if-preexisting-condition-exclusion-applies.

Barbers reuse razors Jan. 28, 2009

<http://www.lfpres.ca/newsstand/News/Local/2009/01/28/8181121.html>

Thousands of patients are needlessly exposed to HBV and HCV due to the failure of health care personnel to follow basic infection-control. Jan. 26 -

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2009/01/19/hlsc0120.htm>

Immunizing infants against hepatitis B is the most effective way of preventing long-term health complications and costs . . . January 23, 2009:

When you have a vaccine that can prevent a chronic illness or cancer, it makes sense to immunize the most vulnerable at the earliest opportunity

http://www.liver.ca/Media_Room/Press_Releases/Hepatitis_B_immunization_for_infants.aspx

Hepatitis Outbreaks Linked to Poor Infection Control By Susan J. Landers, AMNews staff. Posted Jan. 20. Washington The failure of health care personnel to follow basic infection-control procedures resulted in the exposure of thousands of patients to hepatitis B and hepatitis C viruses, says a study by researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2009/01/19/hlsc0120.htm>

Nonhospital Health Care-Associated Hepatitis B and C Virus Transmission: United States, 1998-2008

6 January 2009, Volume 150 Issue 1, Pages 33-39

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/150/1/33>

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Immunopathogenesis of Hepatic Flare in HIV/Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)-Coinfected Individuals after the Initiation of HBV-Active Antiretroviral Therapy. ...

2009 Feb 20. [Epub ahead of print]

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19231993

Hepatitis C and HIV Co-infection

Accuracy of Simple Biochemical Tests in Identifying Liver Fibrosis in Patients Co-Infected With Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis C Virus

Volume 7, Issue 3 *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*

Pages 339-345 (March 2009)

[http://www.cghjournal.org/article/S1542-3565\(08\)01168-3/abstract](http://www.cghjournal.org/article/S1542-3565(08)01168-3/abstract)

Latest Approaches To HIV Infection Management A Focus On HIV/TB And HIV/hepatitis Co-infections

March 3, 2009

Fondation MÃ©rieux organizes its 15th Cent Gardes Symposium in New Delhi - India on March 3-6, 2009. The conference will be opened by Alain MÃ©rieux, chairman of Fondation MÃ©rieux and Professor Albert Osterhaus (Erasmus Hospital - Rotterdam). <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140825.php>

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Hepatitis B

Liver Transplant Recipients With Hepatitis B May Need Lifelong Antiviral Treatment

Article Date: 01 Mar 2009

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140588.php>

Hep B awareness with Minister MARKHAM, ON - January 30, 2009 - Today, the Canadian Liver Foundation was joined by Michael Chan, M.P.P., Markham-Unionville at a press conference held at Markham Stouffville Hospital to promote their effort to raise awareness and encourage open discussion about hepatitis B.

http://www.liver.ca/Media_Room/Press_Releases/Hep_B_awareness_with_Minister_Chan.aspx

Factors Associated with Progression to Hepatocellular Carcinoma and to Death from Liver Complications in Patients with HBsAg-Positive Cirrhosis
February 26, 2009

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/qw12v867537r1v55/>

45 million Indians carry hepatitis B virus

25 Feb 2009, 0339 hrs IST,

Malathy Iyer, TNN

MUMBAI: The 43 deaths in Modasa town of Gujarat's Sabarkantha district over the last fortnight due to hepatitis B underlines how widespread this viral infection really is. <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Mumbai/45-million-Indians-carry-hepatitis-B-virus/articleshow/4185395.cms>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Mumbai/45-million-Indians-carry-hepatitis-B-virus/articleshow/4185395.cms>

Alaska Native Consortium Gets Federal Grant to Study Hepatitis B . . . The Associated Press- Published Tuesday, February 10, 2009 ANCHORAGE, Alaska

— The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium will use a \$1 million grant to study Hepatitis B. <http://newsminer.com/news/2009/feb/10/alaska-native-consortium-gets-federal-grant-study-/>

EASL Publishes Updated Guidelines for Management of Chronic HBV

Feb. 3 - The European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) has published updated HBV clinical practice guidelines in the February 2009 Journal of Hepatology. http://www.easl.ch/PDF/cpg/EASL_HBV_CPGs.pdf

Immunizing infants against hepatitis B is the most effective way of preventing long-term health complications and costs

January 23, 2009: When you have a vaccine that can prevent a chronic illness or cancer, it makes sense to immunize the most vulnerable at the earliest opportunity. That is why the Canadian Liver Foundation supports the recommendations of Dr. Christopher Mackie and his McMaster and University of British Columbia colleagues published in this week's Canadian Medical Association Journal that universal neonatal (newborn or infant) hepatitis B immunization be implemented in all provinces.

http://www.liver.ca/Media_Room/Press_Releases/Hepatitis_B_immunization_for_infants.aspx

Merck Reports Shortage of the Adult Formulation of its HBV Vaccine . . .

Posted on Tue, Jan. 6, 2009 By Miriam Hill The Philadelphia INQUIRER
STAFF WRITER

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/breaking/business_breaking/20090106_Merck_reports_shortage_of_hepatitis_B_vaccine.html

Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate versus adefovir dipivoxil for chronic hepatitis B. N Engl J Med. 2008 Dec 4, 359(23):2488-91.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19052126?dopt=Abstract>

Hepatitis C

A Comparison of Hepatopathologists' and Community Pathologists' Review of Liver Biopsy Specimens From Patients With Hepatitis C Pages 335-338

(March 2009) <http://www.cghjournal.org/article/S1542-3565%2808%2901231-7/abstract>

Hepatitis C Virus: A Critical Appraisal of Approaches to Therapy Internet Citation: How Tired Is Your Doctor? Navigating the Health Care System: Advice Columns from Dr. Carolyn Clancy, March 3, 2009. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/cc/cc030309.htm>

***Hepatitis C sufferers haven't received promised federal money
Many claimants can't prove they received tainted blood decades ago***

Last Updated: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 - 11:10 AM ET

By Kathy Tomlinson CBC News

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2009/02/09/bc-hepcbureaucracy.html>

A new mechanism regulates type 1 interferon production in white blood cells
Montreal, January 13, 2009 - A study from a team of researchers led by Dr. Andrew P. Makrigiannis, Director of the Molecular Immunology Research Unit at the IRCM, has identified a new mechanism regulating interferon production.

http://www.chrgonline.com/news_mail.asp?ID=103239

Idenix Pharmaceuticals Initiates Proof-of-Concept Study of IDX184 for the Treatment of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 12

/PRNewswire-FirstCall/--Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc

<http://ir.idenix.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=131556&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1243260&highlight=>

Human Genome Sciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: HGSI) today announced that Novartis has initiated dosing in a Phase 2b trial that will evaluate the safety and efficacy of Albuferon® (albinterferon alfa-2b) administered monthly in combination with ribavirin in treatment-naive patients with genotypes 2 and 3 chronic hepatitis C. ROCKVILLE, Maryland - January 12, 2009 <http://www.hgsi.com/latest/human-genome-sciences-announces-initiation-of-phase-2b-trial-of-albuferon-dosed-monthly-in-chronic-hepatit.html>

Pharmasset, Inc. (Nasdaq: VRUS) announced today that they and their development partner, Roche, have agreed with the FDA on the final design for a phase 2b trial with R7128, a nucleoside inhibitor of hepatitis C (HCV), slated to initiate in the first quarter of this year. PRINCETON, N.J., Jan 12, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ --

<http://investor.pharmasset.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=358626>

Anadys Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ANDS) today announced results from the first cohort of an ongoing Phase Ib clinical trial of ANA598, the Company's investigational non-nucleoside polymerase inhibitor. ANA598 was very well-tolerated and demonstrated potent antiviral activity in patients infected with chronic Hepatitis C virus (HCV) in this first cohort of the study. SAN DIEGO, January 8, 2009 http://anadyspharma.com/pr_pdfs/01-08-09.htm

1. Homeless Health Care Case Report: Sharing Practice-Based Experience

2. Decompensated Chronic Liver Disease with Comorbid Treatable Aplastic Anemia in a Homeless Adult Male

Volume 4, Number 2 December 2008

Ahmar Mannan Butt, MBBS, MD; Amna Mannan, MBBS, MD; Aisha Talib, BBS, MD; Rabia Asim, MSc; Patricia Post, MPA

<http://www.nhchc.org/CaseReportLiverDisease122208.pdf>

Liver Disease

Fighting Hepatitis To Tackle Liver Cancer - Survey Reveals National Deficiencies Which Make EU Action Critical

March 3, 2009

A survey conducted among Members of the European Liver Patients Association (ELPA) reveals that hepatitis awareness amongst national policymakers and the general public is very low. In view of this ignorance and neglect of a major disease at national level ELPA calls upon the EU to promote targeted screening strategies to ensure early diagnosis for those at risk.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140873.php>

Squamous cell carcinoma antigen-1 (SERPINB3) polymorphism in chronic liver disease Pages 212-216 (March 2009), Volume 41, Issue 3 Digestive and Liver Disease [http://www.dldjournalonline.com/article/S1590-8658\(08\)00222-3/abstract](http://www.dldjournalonline.com/article/S1590-8658(08)00222-3/abstract)

Ethnic Differences Found For Fatty Liver Disease And Insulin Resistance

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 0:00 PST

A new study suggests that the metabolic response to obesity and insulin resistance, particularly as it pertains to the liver, differs among ethnic groups in the U.S. African-Americans are more resistant to the buildup of fat in the abdominal adipose tissue and liver, and to high triglyceride levels associated with insulin resistance. <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140440.php>

Liver Tumors Associated With Metabolic Syndrome Differ From Other Tumors

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 0:00 PST

Liver cancer in patients whose only risk factor is metabolic syndrome has distinct forms and structures compared to other liver tumors.

These Article findings are in the March issue of Hepatology, a journal published by John Wiley & Sons on behalf of the American Association for the Study of

Liver Diseases (AASLD).

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140439.php>

Nexavar® Effective for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Asians

CancerConsultants.com - News 1/21/2009

Researchers from 23 medical centers in Asia have reported that Nexavar® (sorafenib) is effective in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma (liver cancer). The results of this study were published in Lancet Oncology.

<http://patient.cancerconsultants.com/CancerNews.aspx?DocumentId=43103&Keywords=cancer,news,information,treatment,Nexavar,Hepatocellular%20Carcinoma,Asians,liver%20cancer,advanced,sorafenib>

Liver Cancer Incidence Has Tripled Since 1970s, But Survival Rates

Improving . . . ScienceDaily (Feb. 18, 2009) — A new study examining data on incidence trends, mortality rates and survival rates from the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) cancer registries indicates that the incidence of liver cancer in the United States tripled between 1975 and 2005.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/02/090218114318.htm>

More Than 60,000 Patients Risked Hepatitis Infections

Jan. 7 - Failure to follow basic infection practices placed more than 60,000 U.S. patients at risk for hepatitis B and C, according to a new report from the CDC.

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/01/06/more-than-60000-patients-risked-hepatitis.html>

FDA Approves Most Comprehensive System to Test Donated Blood for HIV and Hepatitis B & C . . . PLEASANTON, Calif., Dec. 31 /PRNewswire/

<http://news.prnewswire.com/ViewContent.aspx?ACCT=109&STORY=/www/story/12-31-2008/0004947936&EDATE>

***Hepatitis Education Website Available for Men Who have Sex with Men
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

December 30, 2008

http://www.ashastd.org/news/news_pressreleases_hepmen.cfm

HIV/AIDS

Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: IDIX) and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) today announced the execution of a license agreement granting GSK exclusive worldwide rights to IDX899. IDX899 is a novel non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI) in Phase II clinical development being developed by Idenix for the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. and LONDON, Feb. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- <http://www.idenix.com/>

Suspending Antiretrovirals Has Fast Negative Impact on HDL Particle Concentrations: interruptions reduce HDL and this predicts risk for cardiovascular disease in SMART

February 8-11, 2009, Montreal http://www.natap.org/2009/CROI/croi_39.htm

New Monkey Model For HIV

March 3, 2009

By altering just one gene in HIV-1, scientists have succeeded in infecting pig-tailed macaque monkeys with a human version of the virus that has until now been impossible to study directly in animals.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140903.php>

Cholesterol Medications Can Work Well Among Certain HIV Patients At Risk For Cardiovascular Disease, Findings Of Largest Study To Date

March 3, 2009

A new study in the online issue of Annals of Internal Medicine has found that cholesterol medications can work well among certain HIV patients at risk for cardiovascular disease. Though HIV patients are at higher risk for cardiovascular disease in part due to lipid abnormalities that can occur with the use of certain antiretroviral therapies, researchers now have evidence that cholesterol medications work very well in this population.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140883.php>

Lancet Editorial Examines China's Response To HIV/AIDS

March 3, 2009

Although the response to HIV/AIDS in China has evolved from "denial and inertia to pragmatic prevention and treatment programs," there still are "massive challenges" to addressing the disease in the country, a Lancet editorial says. <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140865.php>

Press Association Profiles British HIV/AIDS Advocates Who Plan To Build Clinics In Africa

March 3, 2009

The Press Association on Thursday profiled two British HIV/AIDS advocates who plan to drive from London to South Africa to help build HIV clinics and raise money for the One to One Children's Fund.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140863.php>

Indonesia Creates Budget Forum To Address HIV/AIDS Spending Issues

March 3, 2009

The Indonesian government has established a Forum of HIV/AIDS Control Planning and Budgeting to address the country's issues with providing adequate funding for the disease, Arum Atmawikarta, director of health and public nutrition at the Office of the State Minister for National Development Planning, announced recently, Asia Pulse/Individual.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140862.php>

Global Fund Mission Considering Restoration Of Grants To Myanmar's HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria Programs

March 3, 2009

A four-member mission of the Global Fund To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria last week visited Myanmar to meet with local officials and discuss the possibility of restoring funds to programs that address the three diseases in the country, Xinhuanet reports.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140861.php>

Washington Post Examines Program In India To Promote Safer-Sex Messages

March 3, 2009

The Washington Post on Monday examined a project in India in which health workers "re-spin" safer-sex messages to emphasize the pleasure-related benefits of such practices. The initiative was launched by Anne Philpott, founder of the Pleasure Project.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140860.php>

Gay Men Urged To 'Act Fast' With PEP, UK

March 3, 2009

On 4 March Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) is launching a PEP campaign, urging gay men in London to 'Act Fast' with PEP (post exposure prophylaxis). PEP is a month long course of HIV treatment that may prevent HIV infection after the virus has entered the body

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140858.php>

Cholesterol Treatment In HIV Patients Largest Study To Date Compares & Patients Without HIV Infection

March 3, 2009

A new study in the online issue of Annals of Internal Medicine has found that cholesterol medications can work well among certain HIV patients who are at risk for cardiovascular disease. Though HIV patients are at higher risk for cardiovascular disease in part due to lipid abnormalities that can occur with the use of certain antiretroviral therapies, researchers now have evidence that cholesterol medications work very well with these patients.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140797.php>

Is HIV Testing During Labor Feasible?

Article Date: 01 Mar 2009 - 0:00 PST

Cameroon is a sub-Saharan African country with high HIV rates yet many pregnant women do not know their HIV status. Research published in the open access journal BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth has shown that HIV testing during labour is a suitable way of improving detection rates and may help mothers and their infants receive appropriate antiretroviral treatment

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140556.php>

Should Men Who Have Sex With Men Be Allowed To Give Blood?

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 0:00 PST

The lifetime ban on blood donations from men who have sex with men was put in place in the 1980s when little was known about HIV. But is this ban still justified? Experts debate the issue

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140382.php>

Diversity In Mental Health HIV/AIDS Research Critical Says Commentary

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 4:00 PST

In a lead commentary for this special supplement to the Journal, the authors argue the importance of ensuring racial and ethnic diversity in HIV/AIDS research. The supplement focuses on the recent epidemiological trends associated with HIV infection in diverse populations.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140559.php>

NPR Profiles Two Kenyan Brothers' Efforts To Provide Health Services In Home Village

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 4:00 PST

NPR's "News and Notes" on Tuesday profiled two brothers, originally from a village in western Kenya, who returned to the village after attending medical school at Dartmouth College to build and operate a local health clinic to provide services such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria treatment.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140531.php>

Young People In Parts Of Costa Rica Have Limited Knowledge of HIV/AIDS, Practice Unsafe Sex, Report Says.

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 3:00 PST

Young people in Costa Rica's coastal cities of Limon and Puntarenas have limited knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention methods, and many practice unsafe sexual behaviors, according to a report released Tuesday, Xinhua News Agency reports. <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140530.php>

Effective Mentoring Critical To HIV/AIDS Research Efforts

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 2:00 PST

An innovative mentoring program at the UCSF-Gladstone Institute for Virology and Immunology Center for AIDS Research is providing vital support for the development of the next generation of HIV/AIDS researchers and clinician scientists. <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140544.php>

HIV's Mutations To Avoid Immune Defenses Can Be Passed To Wider Population, Study Says

Article Date: 27 Feb 2009 - 3:00 PST HIV can adapt rapidly to evade immune system responses, and these mutations can be passed on in the wider population, according to a study published Thursday in the journal Nature, Reuters reports.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/140526.php>

Government

Government of Canada

Canada's Economic Action Plan - Budget 2009

<http://www.budget.gc.ca/2009/pdf/budget-planbudgetaire-eng.pdf>

Government of BC

New: Health Link BC Services 8-1-1

The 811 health information service has now been launched by the BC provincial government. This service offers a new point of access for existing BC NurseLine service and provides British Columbians with a free, 24-hour confidential health information and advice on a variety of health topics and medical procedures. A trained health services navigation team answers all calls and if appropriate, calls may be transferred to a registered nurse, dietitian or pharmacist for further information. Pharmacists and dietitians are available Monday to Friday (Pharmacists: 5 pm to 9 am and Dietitians: 9 am to 5 pm). 8-1-1 also offers a health system navigation system to assist the public and health-care professionals in finding and accessing appropriate health resources in or close to their home communities.
www.healthlinkbc.ca

New Study Reveals BC Government's Healthcare Silo Approach to Drug Policy Cost \$43.5 million

Vancouver, January 23, 2009 - A new study published in the journal, Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics, reveals that a BC Government PharmaCare policy introduced in July 2003, which was intended to reduce costs by \$42 million with minimal impact on patient health, in fact, cost the healthcare system and patients \$43.5 million and had a significant impact on patients' quality of life.
http://www.chrgonline.com:80/news_mail.asp?ID=103734

BC Ministry of Finance Budget Fiscal Plan 2009/10 - 2011/12

http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2009/bfp/2009_Budget_FiscalPlan.pdf

Government of USA

10-State Project To Study Methods To Reduce Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections in Hospital ICUs

Press Release Date: February 19, 2009

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2009/clabsipr.htm>

More Federal Funds for Infectious Diseases in House Economic Stimulus Proposal

Feb. 2 - The House proposal allocates \$335 million for programs that combat AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (including hepatitis B) and tuberculosis. The plan
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28661839?GT1=43001>

Sen. Reid works to secure more than \$100M for Nevada - USA-KVBC-TV
updated 7:13 a.m. PT, Fri., Feb. 27, 2009 - Hepatitis C response and prevention:
\$523000 for the Southern Nevada Health District to assist the health district's
response to the hepatitis C crisis. ...

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29390314/MSNBC>

GUIDELINE TITLE

Adapting your practice: treatment and recommendations for homeless patients with HIV/AIDS.

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Menchaca M, Martinez L, Stewart J, Treherne L, Vicic W, Audain G. Post P, editor(s). Adapting your practice. Treatment and recommendations for homeless patients with HIV/AIDS. 2nd ed. Nashville (TN): Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network, National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Inc.; 2008. 62 p. [118 references]

http://www.guideline.gov/summary/summary.aspx?ss=15&doc_id=13168&nbr=&string

Clinical Trials Recruiting

Hepatitis/HIV Co infection

Found 1 study - Toronto

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis%22+Coinfection&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Hepatitis B

Found 4 studies - Alberta

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+B%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3AAB&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Found 6 studies - British Columbia

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+B%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3ABC&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Found 1 study - Manitoba

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+B%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3AMB&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Found 9 studies - Ontario

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+B%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3AON&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Hepatitis C

Found 6 studies - Alberta

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+C%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3AAB&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Found 7 studies - British Columbia

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+C%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3ABC&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=

Found 2 studies - Manitoba

http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?flds=Xabk&term=&recr=Open&rslt=&type=&cond=%22Hepatitis+C%22&intr=&outc=&lead=&spons=&id=&state1=NA%3ACA%3AMB&cntry1=NA%3ACA&state2=&cntry2=&state3=&cntry3=&locn=&rcv_s=&rcv_e=&lup_s=&lup_e=